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By Alan Lopez
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CERRITO — A used car dealership may be in the works, with a mixed-use development on a long-vacant parcel on San Pablo Avenue.
A 3-2 vote, the City Council agreed to look into granting a permit to Mory Taabobi, owner of Owner Select Auto, a used car showroom at 1000 San Pablo Ave.
Taabobi's proposal had twice turned down by the city, by city staff and then by the Planning Commission, because the parcel is not zoned for used cars. The issue was appealed to the city council Tuesday night.
The council's decision could mean a small victory for the city. If the rezoning is approved, it could clean up a piece of land that has for years been vacant, and bring an estimated \$8,000 to \$10,000 in revenue through the sales of used cars.
The council could help further the goal of bringing more mixed-use developments to the city. The theory, mixed-use developments allow people to live and work in the areas where they live.
The council voted to authorize staff to look into changing the city's zoning code to allow mixed-use developments within a central commercial district zone and to allow to incorporate a mixed-use development with the business zoning is changed, a permit could be granted to Taabobi's business. Currently, used car businesses are allowed in areas zoned for heavy commercial or light industrial use.
Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore and Councilwoman Sandi Potter attended.
The majority of the council voted for a proposal made by Councilwoman Gina Brusatori, who suggested allowing the used car showroom with the intention of creating a mix of housing and businesses on the site.
There may be carrots we can provide (developers) to get them to want to go and in fact different tools to develop, said Brusatori, regarding the proposed mixed-use development on San Pablo Avenue.
Mayor Mark Friedman said that while the property was not zoned for used cars, it was zoned for such uses as gas stations and drive-in restaurants, which potentially have a worse impact. He and

Local church grows in faith

■ At 50, St. Peter CME has risen from living-room services to be a pillar of the El Cerrito community

By Alan Lopez
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EL CERRITO — On one recent Sunday morning, residents from all over West Contra Costa County attended a St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church service to pray, hear the pastor's sermon and listen to the choir.
The piano player, Jamborens, took the microphone at one point and asked the parishioners: "Even if you don't believe in God, you're still under his power. Amen?"
"Amen," the parishioners replied, enthusiastically.
The New Generation Choir then went on to sing, swaying and clapping to the beat, with the parishioners following their lead: "Nothing too hard for God/Nothing too hard/Power belongs to God!"
The Cypress Street church, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is the only African-American church in El Cerrito. And it's one of only two Christian Methodist Episcopal churches serving West Contra Costa County. The other is the Davis Chapel CME Church in north Richmond.
The roots of Methodism date back to London in the 1700s. A group who conducted a "holy club" at the University of Oxford were mockingly called "methodists" for how fastidiously they followed a routine of study and prayer.
But the denomination grew quickly and the church made its way to America, where it was passed down to slaves who were indoctrinated into Christianity by their owners.
After the slaves were freed, groups of African Americans, fed up with the racism in the white church, broke off to create their own churches, including the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.
"They wanted to be able to have a vote, have a say, have power to make their own decisions," said Rev. D'Anna Gipson, the first woman reverend at St. Peter CME Church. "You understand, it was right after the Civil War and it was in the South and there were lot of people who thought that blacks were animals or second-class or not even second-class."
"Whatever little privilege within the church there was certainly did not go to blacks."
To reflect that African Americans were not the members of the church, the name was changed in 1959 to the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.
Today with about 400 mem-



MA'LIA WILSON, at 16 months, is one of the youngest members of St. Peter CME church in El Cerrito. Here she spends part of a service in the lap of Wilma Carpenter before returning to her mother, Mina.

bers, the St. Peter CME church is part of a worldwide network of Christian Methodist churches that provide a place to worship and focuses on the needs of the community.
The CME church has built five colleges, a hospital and several elementary schools. Locally, St. Peter provides clothes and food for the homeless in conjunction with the greater Richmond Interfaith Partnership, provides mentors for young boys, college and vocational counseling for teenagers, services for homebound residents and at Christmas, toys and food for children of prisoners through the Prison Fellowship.
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CHOIR SINGER and lifelong church member Patricia Williams awaits her cue during a service at St. Peter CME church.

El Cerrito council opposes Iraq war

■ 3-1 vote passes resolution against U.S. invading Iraq without international support

By Alan Lopez
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EL CERRITO — The City Council agreed at its Tuesday meeting to pass a resolution stating its opposition to a U.S. invasion of Iraq.
After some debate, the council voted to pass a resolution and look into holding a forum for residents to discuss the war. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori voted against the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore abstained, citing a possible conflict with her employer, the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
The resolution, based on one passed by Santa Barbara, says that the threatened invasion "might well force (Saddam Hussein) to preemptively defend himself by using weapons of mass destruction on United States and allied forces and/or Iraq's neighbors including Israel."
It goes on to say that the United States should act with the United Nations and "not unilaterally, to bring about Iraq's compliance to disarmament of any weapons of mass destruction."
The council achieved just a three-person majority to approve the resolution. Brusatori agreed with the other council members that a forum for discussing the issue was a good idea, but that the council was wasting its time by discussing and approving a resolution against the war.
"First of all, it's not relevant for the community, and what's the point of passing it, what's it going to accomplish?" Brusatori said after the meeting.
"We have budget issues to talk about, police and fire and infrastructure and the civic center and economic development, and to spend really any time on something that's over and beyond the scope of what we're here to do — it doesn't make sense."
Since it was the last topic on the agenda, Brusatori left the council meeting while the council was discussing how to word the resolution.
The council's action was requested by members of the El Cerrito Democratic Club, which has taken a position against the war.
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President remembered for devotion to Albany

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
ALBANY — Dario Meniketti, a 72-year-old civic leader and council watcher who died last year, was once again brought to life, at least in spirit, during a public memorial held Tuesday, Feb. 15.
Friends, family, and city leaders remembered Meniketti for his devotion to Albany and his donating money to the Albany Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Council and the Senior Center.
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MARCO MENIKETTI, left, gets a hug from his father's longtime friend Eldon Wolf during a public memorial service for Meniketti's father, Dario, on Feb. 15 in Albany.

Albany gets a hand from volunteers

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
ALBANY — Twice a week, Ken Wong helps answer phones and do general office work around City Hall. But he's a volunteer, not a paid employee.
More people are volunteering for the city as part of a program intended to get people involved in the community.
The program was a goal identified by the City Council and instituted in May. Before then, people could volunteer with the Albany Senior Center but there was no citywide program. The

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION
For more information about Albany's volunteer program, call Rachel Orkand at 510-559-7225.
citywide program now has 90 people signed up and of that, 25 people volunteering on a continual basis.
"We already have a lot of volunteers who serve on commissions and committees and we just

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San Pablo

Black History celebration set

A Black History Month celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Contra Costa College campus, 2600 Mission Bell Drive in San Pablo. The event, called "From These Roots," will include West African music, reggae, jazz, performers The Africanas, video shows of local leaders, a petting zoo, astro-bounces, a kids' art contest and more.

The event is organized by the nonprofit Celebrating Culture and Community organization (CC&C), funded by First 5 of Contra Costa, and co-sponsored by the Black Student Union of Contra Costa College. For more information, call at 510-236-3255 or go online at www.cac-candc.com.

Albany

Salsa dance lessons offered at party

A salsa dance party will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, at Albany High School, 603 Key Route Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a dessert bar, and the dance, for people 16 years and older, will start at 8 p.m.

Between DJ mixes, there will be an introduction to salsa dancing lessons. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Albany High School season 2003 football program. For more information, call 510-525-2716.

Seniors can get parcel tax exemptions

Albany residents who will turn 65 before July 1 may qualify for an exemption from the Albany Schools 1999 Measure A parcel tax.

An exemption form must be completed and on file for the exemption to be processed. Applications for exemptions are available at the Albany Unified School District administration office at 904 Talbot Ave.

Those who have already received the exemption do not need to reapply. The deadline for applications to be returned to the school district's administrative office is May 1.

To request an application by mail or for more information, call Beverly Feussier at 510-558-3766.

Kensington

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday March 4

Prizes, stories and a meal of "Green Eggs and Ham" will be on hand for a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m., at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue.

The program will be open to 50 children; free tickets will be issued starting Monday, Feb. 24. For more information, call 510-524-3043.

El Cerrito

Library holds Dress the Bear Contest

Children are invited to decorate paper bears for the El Cerrito Library's Dress the Bear Contest. The bears will be available at the library from March 10 to April 5. After the bear is cut out and colored, it can be dressed with glued-on paper, cardboard, foil, fabrics, yarn, lace or anything else. Entries must be returned to the library by 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, to be eligible for contest prizes. Only one entry per person is allowed.

Prizes will be awarded by grade level — K-1, 2-3 and 4-6 — in several categories, including prettiest or hand-somest, most stylish and most original.

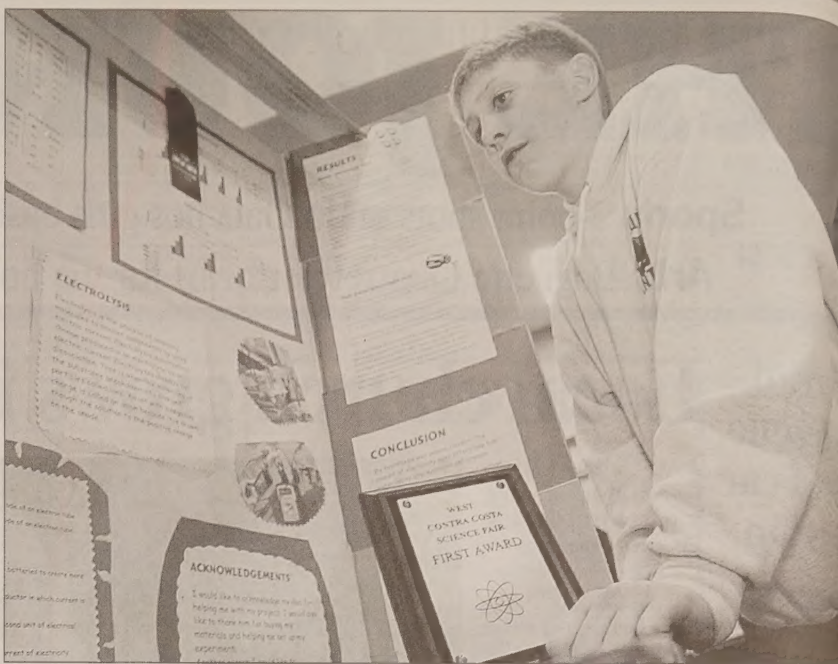
Three judges, members of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library, will choose the winners during National Library Week, April 6 to 12. All prizes will be awarded at the end of the special story program "Mama Yo Tells Tales: Trickster Tales from Africa and the Caribbean" at the library at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12.

For more information, call 510-526-7512

'Take Me With You' author to give talk

Brad Newsham, the author of "Take Me With You" and "All the Right Places," will read from his books and talk about his travels around the world at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Avenue.

Newsham will also show slides of his travels and the people he encountered and discuss his new project, Back-Pack Nation. The program is free. For more information, call 510-526-7512.



Science whiz kid

CARQUINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL student Andrew Brikovich, 12, of Rodeo, was awarded first place in the seventh-grade physics category of the 2003 West Contra Costa Science Fair held at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. "Does the Amount of Electrolysis Determine How Fast Water Splits into Hydrogen and Oxygen?" was the basis for his project.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Friday, Jan. 31

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A 1992 Acura Integra was stolen from the 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 31 and 4:30 p.m. the next day.

Saturday, Feb. 1

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A silver 1984 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 6800 block of Gladys Avenue between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A 1986 Toyota Camry was stolen from in front of Blockbuster Video between 8:30 p.m. and midnight.

Monday, Feb. 3

■ **THEFT** — A blue folding bicycle was stolen from an unlocked garage on the 3300 block of Yosemite Avenue between noon on Feb. 3 and 10 a.m. on Feb. 10.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A 1987 Acura Legend was stolen from Willow Avenue and Elm Street between 8:05 a.m. and 5:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A silver 1989 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 9 a.m. and 5:10 p.m.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A white 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 400 block of Liberty Street between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — Thirty to 50 DVDs were stolen from Target at 8:50 p.m. A man took the DVDs from a shelf, placed them in a shopping cart and fled the store through a rear fire exit. He escaped in a 1999 Pontiac waiting on Blake Street that was driven away by another man.

Friday, Feb. 7

■ **THEFT** — A gym bag was stolen from a vehicle on the 900 block of Ashbury Avenue between 12:30 and 8 a.m.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A blue 1988 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 6600 block of Lincoln Avenue between 9 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 10:30 p.m. the next day.

Feb. 15

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — An El Cerrito woman reported that thieves had stolen her light blue '84 Mercury while it was parked near Solano Avenue and Adams Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black Honda Civic parked on the 1000 block of Santa Fe and stole items inside the car.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — About 1 p.m. an Oakland woman reported that her black '87 Toyota Tercel had been stolen while parked near Cerrito Street and Washington Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **WARRANT ARREST** — About 1:30 p.m. Albany officers approached a man on the railroad tracks north of Solano Avenue. The 50-year-old transient from Oklahoma was found to have an outstanding warrant, in the amount of \$15,000, from the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office for lewd acts on a minor under the age of 16. He was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **THEFT** — Thieves stole a full week's

mail from a mailbox at a residence on the 1000 block of Washington Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — Oakland police reported locating a brown '84 Toyota Camry that had been reported stolen from Albany. It was not damaged and they did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified.

Feb. 16

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — Shortly before 1 a.m. Albany officers observed an '87 Toyota on the 800 block of Solano Avenue that hit another vehicle and then proceeded to leave the scene. The driver

ver, a 26-year-old Oaklander, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested and cited for driving without a license and for unsafe driving.

■ **THEFT** — During the night, thieves stole a cash register from on the 900 block of Franklin Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A black '84 Toyota Camry was reported that thieves had stolen from her garage. There were no witnesses.

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ALBANY POLICE

Feb. 11

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — Two vehicles, a white '96 Toyota and a gray '91 Honda Accord, both parked on the 500 block of 555 Pierce Street were broken into during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ **THEFT** — A resident on the 600 block of Masonic Avenue reported that thieves had stolen her dolphin mailbox during the night.

■ **VANDALISM** — A resident on the 1500 block of Marin Avenue reported that a front window of his residence was shattered during the night. No one saw how it happened.

■ **THEFT** — Thieves stole the rear license plate off a tan '02 Dodge Integra parked on the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue during the night.

Feb. 12

■ **WARRANT ARREST** — About 3 a.m. Albany officers stopped a bicycle rider near Pomona and Marin avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the 32-year-old El Cerrito man be-

cause he had outstanding Albany warrants for possession of burglary tools and possession of stolen property. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — San Jose police reported locating a black '00 Honda Civic that had been reported as stolen from Albany. The vehicle had been damaged, stripped and both license plates were missing. The owner was notified.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — Albany officers responded to the 500 block of Kains Avenue on reports of a white '90 Toyota Camry that appeared to be abandoned for about three days. A check found it had been reported as stolen from Richmond. The car was towed and the owner notified.

■ **BURGLARY** — A resident on the 600 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that she returned home in the evening and discovered that thieves had broken into her home and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

Feb. 13

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A resident on

the 900 block of Hillside Avenue reported that as she arrived home she observed a man breaking into her red '88 Acura. The man then got into a maroon van and the resident followed it. The van drove to Cerrito Street and picked up a white man with long brown hair, wearing a green jacket and carrying a black garbage bag. Although the resident tried to follow the van, she lost it, but was able to give Albany officers details about it. Police are investigating.

Feb. 14

■ **VANDALISM** — A resident on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night vandals had punctured a tire on each of her vehicles. There were no witnesses.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Thieves stole a green Ford Mustang that was parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — During the night a vehicle parked on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard was broken into. Nothing appeared to have been taken; a jacket and some tools were left behind.

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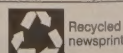
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Golf pro finds relief at Good Feet

When Bobby Astleford walked into the Good Feet Store a few months ago, he was looking for relief. As a golf teaching professional at El Camino Country Club, Bobby spends all day on his feet. "I had chronic back pain and a lot of joint trauma," Astleford said. "And, my knees have been operated on five times."

"A friend of mine, another golf pro, had suggested that the Good Feet Store products might help my back and knee pain," Astleford said.

Astleford described the kind of pain he was experiencing and the kind of work he did at Oakland Good Feet Store owners, Erik and Glenn Krupp. "They made measurements of my feet and had me try on several pairs of arch supports," Astleford said. "My feet are on the flat side so the supports felt a little funny at first, but within days I had gotten used to them. Since then, the relief has been tremendous."

Astleford reports that the supports have improved his posture so his back and joints no longer hurt. "It's similar to what I teach golfers," Astleford said. "I'll help them correct their swing, which prevents injury and improves their game. The Good Feet Store arch supports correct my balance and spine alignment, which prevents stress on my joints and relieves my pain."

"My supports can be worn in all my shoes, including my clogs, so I can get the benefit not only on the golf course, but throughout the day," Astleford said.

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Firefighter's hobby lets him color outside lines

By Mary Reiley
STAFF WRITER

Doug Crooks does not like to be stuck to the recipe. For instance, when he made a rocking horse for his 3-year-old granddaughter, Gabrielle, daughter of his wife, Alison Crooks, he used a variety of woods. He further altered the original plans by adding a face on the horse and some scroll work to the sides of the rockers.

A 26-year veteran of the Alameda Fire Department, Crooks does some construction and remodeling at the home he shares with his wife, Louise, and his son, Jean Good, in Hercules. He has gradually acquired his tools in the past 10 years "into stuff," as he said. Crooks' latest project is a carousel rocking horse for his son and daughter-in-law, Angie Crooks of Sacramento, and any grandchildren come along. It took him seven months to complete the piece.

Crooks added lots of personal touches, such as teeth, aluminum washes and muscle definition. Two three-dimensional windmills adorn each side, and two 1½-inch scrollwork, sunken horses mark the ends of those rockers.

Crooks always have trouble doing the way the instructions say, "I have to add some to make it mine."

The carousel horse's body is made of white ash, and the mane and tail contain bass wood and black walnut. The main part of the tail is binga and the ends are cut from maple.

The flower petal is cut separately from poplar, birch, red oak,



DOUG CROOKS of Hercules, a firefighter by profession, stands next to a carousel rocking horse he made using 16 types of wood. It took him seven months to complete the piece.

cherry or paduak, and the vine and leaves are mahogany.

In all, 16 types of wood were used, including three kinds of walnut, two kinds of oak, and ebony for the eyes and hooves. Crooks used purple heart in place of walnut in some spots, another improvement on the plans.

Although he borrowed a friend's lathe to fashion the spin-

dles at either end of the rockers, Crooks used his own table, band, chop, scroll and jig saws, router and belt sander.

What's next for Crooks' workshop? He has an idea for another rocking horse, and will keep busy with some tricky belt holders that defy gravity when they hang from a shelf or cabinet.

He's also making a 40-inch-tall vertical maze and garden art

whirligigs.

"I've always tinkered with woods, as far back as I can remember," Crooks said.

He received a small scroll saw for Christmas when he was around 10 years old or younger, and credits his mom for passing on her artistic talent to him.

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Kids hoped bake sale would save staff jobs

KATIE TICK and Allie Presher are fourth-graders at Marin Elementary School in Albany. Two weeks ago they found out that, thanks to Gray Davis' budget cuts, their school is going to have to fire school secretary Ellen Benson and janitors Tom Daley and Bob Gallagher — three people who have been with the school since it opened its doors in 1975.

The girls were stunned. "They're the nicest people," says Katie. "They're always smiling, and they never yell at you."

Their first impulse was to send the three staffers a sympathy card. Then they decided it would be better to bake them some cookies. Finally, Allie exclaimed, "I've got it! Instead of giving them cookies, let's have a bake sale and give the money to the school to pay their salaries!"

So they did. Katie and her mom baked 8½ trays of chocolate chip cookies. Allie and her aunt, Jenelle Perrine (whom Allie calls "Aunt Jammy"), baked loads of snickerdoodles and chocolate buffalo chips. And the next afternoon after school, they set up shop on the school steps.

"It was amazing!" says Aunt Jammy. "The students just poured out, and we were surrounded by an ocean of kids buying cookies. Luckily, Allie knew how they line up at recess, so she shouted, 'Line up! Line up!' And that helped create some order."

They'd baked so many cookies, they were sure it would take days to sell them. "Instead, we sold out in an hour and a half," says Aunt Jammy. "Two hours after we started, the girls were back home, eating their afternoon snack and watching 'Buffy.'"

The take: \$114.38, which Allie and Katie duly presented to the school board at the next board meeting. They were both a little shy, and neither one wanted to speak. But Allie was the first one to say, "You do the talking" (a split-second before Katie said it), so Katie was stuck making the presentation.

She did just fine. "We read about the cuts, and we didn't like what we heard," she told the school board. "So we sold cookies, and we made a lot of money."

"How much?" asked superintendent William Wong.

"It's over \$100," said Katie. Emphasizing each word for emphasis, she added "And that's a lot of money."

Not enough to save the staffers' jobs, of course, but it's a start. Katie and Allie presented the money to the board



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

in a box with these words on the lid: "If you want to have a flower garden, you have to plant some seeds."

For their part, Benson, Daley and Gallagher are overwhelmed by the girls' gesture. "I'm so grateful," says Benson. "They make me feel like I'm appreciated, which is definitely not the way I felt when I got the termination notice."

The villain here isn't the Albany school board. Faced with a budget shortfall, they did the sensible thing and decided to cut non-teaching staff first.

The villain is Gov. Davis. He responds to only two things: money and pressure. And kids don't vote or contribute to political campaigns — unlike, say, prison guards or gambling casinos.

We need to put the fear of God in the politicians and let them know that slashing school budgets will be political suicide. We need them to fear the wrath of the PTA as much as they fear the AARP.

Kids like Katie and Allie are the leaders of tomorrow. They're already putting us grownups to shame. It's time we started living up to their example.

P.S. If you want to contribute to Marin Elementary School, donations can be sent to SchoolCare, 1563 Solano Ave., Box 537, Albany, CA 94706. "But you should also give to your own PTA," says principal Marion Rothschild. "Every school in the state is being hit just as hard as we are."

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Duct tape rush varies throughout East Bay

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

When Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge urged means to buy duct tape and plastic sheeting as a precaution against terrorism, hardware stores on the East Coast were lined out of these items in minutes. But how are people in the East Bay reacting?

An informal survey of hardware stores in northern Contra Costa County reveals a striking difference in their customers' reactions.

In Oakland and Berkeley, the shopping mood is duct and plastic. But in west Contra Costa County, residents are greeting the warning with a collective shrug.

This stuff is just flying out here, says Sherrin Farley, inventory manager at Berkeley Hardware. "Duct tape sales have been at least, maybe more, than sheeting sales have dropped. And sales of other items, like flashlights, batteries and lanterns, are also up, but not as much."

At Erik Hoffman, owner of Clair Village Hardware, if

sales, and he says, "You bet we have! I sold out the day after the announcement. It's still hard to keep duct tape or plastic sheeting in stock."

Are emergency supplies sales up at Markus Hardware in Oakland? "Are they ever, yes!" says sales clerk Jeannie Barnett. "I had no idea why. I finally asked a customer who was buying some, and she said, 'You haven't been watching the news?' I said no, and she said, 'Well you ought to, and you'd better get some of this yourself. It's your life that's at stake.'"

"Yeah, we have been selling a lot of duct tape," says Jeff Hamilton, manager of Orchard Supply Hardware in Berkeley. "Maybe two or three times what we'd expect for this time of year. A lot of plastic sheeting, too."

But it's a different story in Contra Costa County. Patrick Eames, owner of Ace Hardware in Richmond, reports, "Not a blip. Our family has three hardware stores, and there was nothing out of the ordinary in any of them."

"Maybe a few people came in and bought duct tape and plastic sheeting the first few days,

but just a trickle," says Carl Rayfield, manager of Richmond Hardware & Lumber. "And it's died down to nothing since then."

J.C. Robinson, sales clerk at Whale Point Hardware in Richmond, reports, "There hasn't been any run." Tony Kablinger, assistant manager of Yardbirds Home Center in San Pablo, says, "Not that you'd notice. People have been buying duct tape, but they always do this time of year because of the rain."

"We expected a big run after the announcement," says Rocky Manzoni, assistant manager of Orchard Supply in Pinole. "But it never happened."

"It didn't happen here, either," says Ed Boyle, manager of True Value Hardware in Rodeo. "On the day after the announcement, one person bought duct tape and plastic sheeting, but that was it."

And at Pastime Hardware in El Cerrito, which virtually straddles the Alameda/Contra Costa County line, Owner David Pryde reports a mixed picture, as might be expected.

"We had a noticeable bump in sales the first few days," he

reports, "but it quickly settled back to normal."

And he confesses to feeling ambivalent himself. "Most people say that if the terrorists attack us, duct tape and plastic sheeting isn't going to do the job, anyway," he says. "But I have to admit, I took a roll of duct tape and some plastic sheeting to my daughter in Walnut Creek, just in case."

Which brings up the obvious question: Why the big difference between the two counties?

"I have no clue," says psychiatrist Len Duhl, UC Berkeley professor of public health and urban planning, who studies how people cope with trauma and stress. "I can only speculate. Maybe people in Berkeley and Oakland feel more vulnerable to an attack because (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory) is here. Or maybe they're more worried that Mr. Bush is going to get them into a war with Iraq, and they don't want to get caught in the middle. Or maybe it's just because people in Berkeley get more agitated about things than people in other places."

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THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."
— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Reality TV's vast wasteland just gets more pathetic, tacky

Evans and Zora — the hottest reality TV pair. Oh, that was Tuesday. By Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, they are but a dim memory as attentions are turned to hotshot singing sensations on "American Idol," Trista's choice of either Charlie or Ryan, or the latest person kicked out of the Amazon on "Survivor."

And if you don't keep up with the Joneses' TV viewing habits, your office coffee breaks will be pretty dull.

Why are we so interested in what is happening with the Joneses?

Perhaps it is just the need for some entertainment to take our minds off the possibility of war with Iraq, the still-lagging economy, terrorism, violence in our streets or the day-to-day pressures of life.

Perhaps. Or maybe it's just the latest example of what will pass for a successful show on television, where sensationalistic "quick-hitters" substitute for quality entertainment, and we don't think we can do anything about it.

Let's face it, "Joe Millionaire" won't be at the top of the Emmy list, but the producers and advertisers are laughing all the way to the bank. It's incredible, but 18.6 million people watched the first episode, and by Feb. 10 the number had risen to 24.1 million, making it one of the top five shows that night. And the finale? A third of all households watching television Monday night were glued to the end of the story and it's "shocking" twist — the butler handed over a cool million to the couple. And there is more to come — next Monday will have "Joe Millionaire: the Aftermath." When will it all end?

The answer to that question is: when the American public demands quality television and gets the attention of the advertisers. And it doesn't take much to do that — just walk across the room or pick up the remote control and press the button that says OFF. One or two nights of that kind of action on a major scale would certainly let the "powers that be" know that something other than cheap, tacky TV was desired.

Ironically, by allowing ourselves a diversion from the real happenings in the world, we have only encouraged a larger and larger number of "reality" shows. There will be another Michael Jackson special this week, the finale of "Surreal Life" and the almost unbelievable "I'm a Celebrity — Get Me out of Here!" Can "Action TV — Lions and Gladiators" be far behind?

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GEORGE WASHINGTON HAS A BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

...AND THEN GEORGE WASHINGTON BIT DOWN THE CHERRY TREE WITH HIS WOODEN TEETH.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save our colleges

I am a pre-nursing student at Contra Costa Community College.

The community college system has been decimated by the recent round of budget cuts — Contra Costa College had 160 classes cut this semester and we have been told there will be no summer session. And now the governor is proposing to cut an additional \$288 million from California's community college budget.

Community colleges serve California's working class, providing access to higher education to those for whom private schools are not an option.

Many of my fellow students are the first in their families to attend college. Some are working adults who have been downsized out of jobs and are returning to school to learn new career skills. Others are like me, parents balancing school, work and family.

If you care about public education, please take the time to send Gov. Gray Davis an e-mail. Go to www.ccleague.org/actnow, where you will find a ready-made message to his office. Just enter your name and mailing information. You do not have to enter your legislator's name; the site will do it for you.

Please help save our community colleges from further budget cuts.

Susan Kell
El Cerrito

Fear mongering

I am distressed by the Bush administration's playing on Americans' fear, a subject that seems to sell newspapers.

The concentration on fear in the United States since Sept. 11 has struck me as bizarre. It is almost as if it has become patriotic to live in fear of terrorists. As if we are not doing our duty as Americans unless we are afraid.

The media's role in playing on fear, as it played on sex in the past administration, is something we should all look at and consider.

I am more afraid of the damage President Bush is doing to the economy for future generations than I am of terrorist attacks.

Sandra Yolles
El Cerrito

Dire school budget cuts

Budget-cutting at our schools will have dire effects after current cuts are implemented. And unless our taxing structure is significantly revised, it's not just "extras" facing the ax.

Remember when schools had librarians, nurses, paper, books, busses to sporting events, field trips, music, arts and janitorial services? Now California schools (which already rank 38th in the nation in expenditures per student, and 50th in students per teacher) will have little or none of these.

How will our businesses find educated employees if we don't support decent schools? What good is massive testing if we can't provide students with the tools for a basic education?

In our Albany school district, parents contribute time and money to support basic school services. Our parent-supported foundation, SchoolCARE, raises money to save basic classroom activities. The Albany

Education Foundation funds teacher projects and field trips, and our Albany Music Fund makes music programs possible.

Teachers are struggling, with limited resources, to prepare students for challenging tests, and for colleges that may not even have room for them, given current budget cutbacks.

Please join me in supporting additional taxes to support our schools. Our tax contributions will go to a good cause — our children's future.

Merry Selk
Albany

Don't strike first

President Bush has argued that Saddam Hussein is a dangerous man and we must strike him before he strikes us.

This argument is akin to saying we must call in the SWAT team to kill a man on a roof who is suspected of having a gun. A man in such a position could cause great harm. If we wait too long, that man may kill someone.

But a just society cannot act so rashly. The man on the roof must demonstrate a clear and present danger before we can act to take his life. He must show his weapon and point that weapon before we can give the order to take him out.

While Saddam Hussein is clearly a dangerous man, he has not shown an immediate intention to use his suspected weapons of mass destruction against his neighbors or the United States. Until he does so, we must obey international law and work within the United Nations to contain him.

We can watch him, even have him in our sights, but until he makes an aggressive move we have no right to wage war against him. Watching and waiting may make us feel vulnerable, but we cannot become the kind of society that will kill someone standing on a roof, just in case.

Eric Ettlinger
Berkeley

Dangerous dogs

Martin Snapp's rosy piece on pit bulls (Feb. 7) needs some balancing comment. I was drawn into the pit bull debate when my nine-pound dog was attacked by a pit bull in a Berkeley park a few months ago.

The "absolute sweetheart" in question was off leash and had apparently taken a year or two to reveal the ugly side of his nature. The result was a small dog almost killed, my 13-year-old daughter subjected to a nasty emotional shock, and the perpetrator's owner faced with a \$200 vet bill. Any regular newspaper reader will realize this was a mild pit bull incident.

Pit bulls serve no useful social pur-

pose that cannot be served at least by companion dogs of a more reticent makeup. That describes virtually all dogs.

Bad Rap's efforts strike me as perverse, and Snapp's article precisely balanced, at best.

John

We believe

We have a faith-based administration.

We have faith that the press knows, but cannot say for security reasons, where Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.

We trust that killing Saddam will us safe from al-Qaida terrorism.

We accept, without question, that does not want to go to war over oil because he wants to finish what his failed to do.

We hope, because our leaders that we will be greeted in Iraq as liberators.

We do not doubt our leaders' they say we must rid the world of weapons of mass destruction (our own) or our very existence is ended. As Bush said, if war is forced on us we will fight. The call of history come. It is God's gift to humanity.

For some reason, all these faith add up to absolute certainty. We no choice but to go to war.

So let's get it over with. In no time we will be arguing about why we waited who is next.

Charles J. W.

Powell not convincing

Characterizing Secretary Powell's presentation as "massive evidence" Saddam Hussein is violating U.N. resolutions, threatening the peace of the region, and cooperating with terrorist organizations, is naive.

We would all like to accept our government's allegations. However, however, proves this to be impossible. The government has lied repeatedly in attempts to sell the American people on various wars.

A number of intelligence officials American as well as European — already described Powell's "evidence" as sketchy, easily manipulated and unreliable. I am concerned that some of the gathered from detainees under psychological pressure, if not outright lies, and is, thus, unreliable.

The proof of an Iraq/al Qaida especially circumstantial. These should and assuredly will be scrutinized by experts in the coming weeks forward to reading some rigorous analyses.

Susan Rich

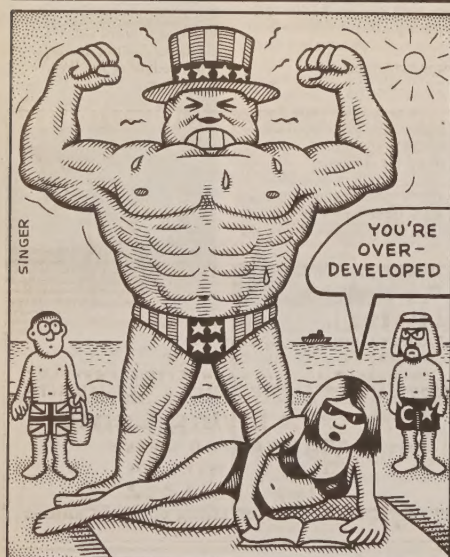
We're all at risk

Why worry about biological weapons? President Bush seems bound and determined to do the job for terrorists.

By mandating the military and professionals get vaccinated for smallpox, he is putting us all at risk.

Ann

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Librarians persevere to find answers

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JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

when they would approach and ask for a book by title or even author.

Now I realize when we remember something, we remember the gist of it and not necessarily the fact.

To help someone find the right book, I have to step back and look at what is being presented. If I can't find it under the title given to me, I'll ask: Which part of the title are you sure of? What is the book about?

It's amazing how much a person may know about the subject without actually knowing the title or the author. Most of the time, I can figure it out, although I admit I frequently search a word on

Amazon.com because its search engine is so forgiving. I guess whoever designed it had low expectations of the public's ability either to spell or remember accurately.

Sometimes if no one at a library can figure out the answer, a librarian will e-mail a "Stumper" to hundreds of librarians across the country, into Canada and as far away as Australia.

This kind of question is a very last resort and is not so much about research as it is about hoping someone out there will recognize the brief and sometimes misleading description because they actually read it at some point.

Here's a recent one: "A patron read a chapter book about children living in an ocean liner after it sank, possibly upside down. When outside the ship they'd hang onto fish and breathe their bubbles of oxygen. At or near the end of the story, a child descendant of one of the original children who went down with the liner swam

to the surface to see what things looked like.

"The patron said she read the story in the early to mid 1970s when she was 9 or 10 years old. She said she was a precocious reader."

This stumper has been posted twice because no one responded; so, if you know the title, let me know!

READER REVIEW: Today's book review is from Kathy, and the book is "My Year of Meats," by Ruth L. Ozeki. It's fiction for teenagers and adults.

Kathy says this book is about "Japanese women and a television program that promotes eating beef." One word she would use to describe the book is "eye-opening"; she recommends it because "I learned a great deal about being a Japanese woman in America and Japan."

I can be reached at the Albany Library or at jwinkelstein@acbi-bary.org.

West County programs get children into reading



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

teachers' union office at 222-5112.

Read Across America was started in 1998 as a way to promote reading while celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. In 2003, Read Across America will be celebrated on March 3 since Dr. Seuss' birthday — March 2 — falls on a Sunday.

According to the National Education Association Web site (www.nea.org), the 2002 event attracted more than 45 million participants nationwide and in a number of Department of Defense schools in Germany and Japan.

In addition to having guest readers, many schools plan activities throughout the day to celebrate reading — having students bring favorite books to school, write and draw about their favorite books, and of course lots of reading.

For teachers, Read Across America provides an opportunity for a celebration that is wrapped around academics, rather than based on a religious or highly commercialized holiday.

Schools just recently celebrated another day with an academic focus, the 100th day of school, which fell on Feb. 6 this year for West Contra Costa schools.

Schools celebrate the 100th day of school in a variety of ways, the common thread being the number 100. Many teachers have children collect 100 of something, such as paper clips, beans or toothpicks. Students might eat 100 small snacks, make paper chains of 100 links or make necklaces of 100 O-shaped cereals. Some classes measure 100 inches, take 100 steps or do 100 exercises. One year my school gathered 100 students together on the school yard and held a birthday celebration for a student who was 100 months old.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District and a former city editor of the West County Times.

ANY CHAMBER NEWS

James Carter

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(For my 17 loyal readers, a little gossip, strictly on the Q.T. and extremely hush hush: Rumor has it that DJ Caine also repairs video equipment at Albany Video Repair, 933 San Pablo Avenue. Remember, you read it here first.)

So get away from that television set, tear down that duct tape and plastic, set yourself free and go dancing.

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a Hands-On Health Museum, sponsors a silent auction and raffle, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 26. Enjoy wine, appetizers, delicious desserts, entertainment by the Marty Wehner Quartet. Prizes and auction items include original artwork, gift certificates for restaurants, theater and symphony tickets, a \$500 shopping spree at Saks Fifth Avenue, and many other great items. Adults: \$10, reservations required. For more information, call 510-549-1564.

■ **The Buddy Club Children's Shows** features the Bubble Lady and singer Dan Goldensohn from 1 to 2 p.m. Feb. 23, at the Berkeley JCC Theater, 1414 Walnut St. The shows are targeted for children 2 through 12 and their parents, and always include outrageous audience participation. Limited unserved tickets are sold at the door. Tickets: \$7 per person, \$6 BRJC members (under 2 free). For information, tickets and party reservations, call 510-236-SHOW or visit www.TheBuddyClub.com.

■ **Children's Social Skills and Manners** workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. For more information and registration fees, call Linda at 527-6202.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For details, call 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9682.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moerser Lane. Details: Judie, 215-4371.

■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent** Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with

concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

Classes

■ **ASSETS Senior Employment**, job training program for income-eligible Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley or Albany residents, 55 and older, offer classes in Early Childhood Development. Seniors can receive college credits while being paid. Classes start mid-November. Call 238-3535 for more information.

■ **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** holds a free Sick Plant Clinic on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails your plant. UC Botanical Garden is at 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. For information, call 510-643-2755.

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

■ **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For details, including class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, call 845-8542 or see www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of voca-

tional classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130.

■ **The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and telephone number.

■ **A free CopWatch class** takes place Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. Details: 548-0425.

■ **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaranjai Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

■ **Life Stories/College and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 645-6830.

■ **Contemporary Women's** issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Details: 644-6107.

■ **Dance and Fitness** classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug**, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Community

■ **The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts** and Jonathan Moscone present "Valentine's Day Cabaret," a benefit for the services and programs at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. It's a fun musical evening of song and dance with an ensemble from the Shotgun Players performing jazz standards, show tunes and cabaret classics. Couples, singles and groups of all types with their friends, lovers, spouses, partners, soul mates and best buds, are invited to twist and shout, tango and trot, boogie on down at the annual affair. Champaign and chocolates on the house. Admission: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Childcare for kids over four years, \$10 for the evening; additional kids from the same family, add \$5 each. Call 925-798-1300 to reserve a space.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization

seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalve.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 987 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8222.

■ **Psychic Healing clinic**, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief, 800-642-9355.

■ **SMART project**, the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ **The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ **English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

■ **Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ **Photolab**, 2235 Fifth St., continues its exhibition of selected photographs by Gus Bower, through March 29. A reception for the artist is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 22. Lab and Gallery hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 510-644-1400.

■ The exhibition "Lifeexpressions," works by artist Elizabeth Forrest, is on display from March 1 through 31 at the Expresso Roma Cafe, 1549 Hopkins St. (across from Monterey Market). Forrest teaches the Creative Expression process as an approach to healing, recovery and discovery. She is also a creative coach and mentor. For information on classes or for an appointment, call 510-526-0148.

■ **John F. Kennedy University Arts and Consciousness Gallery**, 2956 San Pablo Ave., opens the exhibition "Mentor Exhibition 2003," with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The exhibit continues through March 28. The group show features five Bay Area artists, Jung Ran Bae, Richard Berger, Pamela Blotner, Britta Kathmeyer and Judith Selby. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 510-649-0499.

■ **"Mostly Abstract: Watercolors by Pamela Markmann"**, an exhibit of over 30 paintings, continues through February 28, at the Alta Bates Community Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave. Markmann has exhibited locally and nationally for 40 years. Her themes, related to nature, are revealed in watercolor, ink, pencil, and wax crayon paper. For more information, call 510-526-4613.

■ **UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism**, Center for Photography, presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer Maya Goded, through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Fund Award, is a recent nominee to Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitution in order to "speak about women, inequality, transgression, the body and sex, maternity, childhood and old age, beliefs, love and unloving." A reception and public lecture takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 105. Details: 510-642-3383.

■ **The Richmond Museum of History**

continues exhibits highlighting the world's agricultural achievements, and tributes during World War II. Exhibits and events will be held throughout the year. The museum is located at historic 1910 Carnegie Old Downtown Oakland and Neville Ave. Call 238-3535 for information or to arrange a visit.

■ **El Cerrito** presents ongoing classes on Men's Experience with clay is necessary. Opportunities are provided for students to play clay work. Demonstration will be provided on a mission: \$7.50 residents. The location: Tanager Center, 2575 Tassajara Rd. For more details call Julie at 238-3535.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center** work by members of the Intercollegiate Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave. The gallery is in the left of the information entrance. Call 204-4444.

■ **New Pieces** Gallery presents a series of art and sculptures and dolls exclusively is open during store hours. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Noon to 5 p.m. except holidays. Details: 527-6779.

■ **YWCA Health and Wellness** classes include yoga, martial arts and Tai Chi. YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way. \$8 - \$10.

■ **Charcot Marie Toth** meets Saturdays through Berkeley Library, 1128 University Ave. Call 843-9716 for more information.

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■ **"Keepers of the Flame"** Women's Roles and Rituals related study and discussion by Chana Andler takes place March 2, March 16 and March 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 843-9716 for more information.

■ **Women from all backgrounds** about exploring women's issues and more in the Jewish community. To keep the group intimate, there is a limit on the number of people. Required Text: "Women and Jewish Law: A Study in Jewish Law," by Rabbi Dr. Judith L. Kravitz. \$40. Details: Chochma at 704-9687.

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Meetings

■ YWCA Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents John Bates, from Ex-pression Center for New Media, discussing "Working in New Media," from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 25. Bates tells about the latest trends in the industry and how Ex-pressions offers the skills and competitive advantages needed to succeed. Cost: \$3 at the door. For more information, call 510-848-6370.

■ YWCA Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers the workshop "Job Search 101" from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Feb. 27. This interactive workshop outlines effective strategies and provides participants the opportunity to jump-start their search. Labor market research, networking, resumes, interviewing, and salary negotiations will be discussed. Cost: \$35 YWCA members, \$45 non-members. Call 510-848-6370 to pre-register.

■ The Downtown Berkeley Toastmasters Club offers speech classes for job interviews, networking, sales and other work situations. In a six-week workshop from noon to 1 p.m. beginning Jan. 30. Cost: \$39. For more information, and location, call DeAnna at 510-595-1594 or 510-841-9277.

Miscellany

■ Friendship Circle, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ Improve your speaking skills by attending Berkeley Communications' Toastmasters meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ The Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565.

■ Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRiti, Cmdr, D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

■ The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

■ The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meets on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

■ The YWCA offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For details call 848-6370.

■ Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

■ Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

■ The Berkeley Communications Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

■ The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For additional information call 204-4503.

■ Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

■ Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

■ "Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

■ State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health Building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

■ Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 415-461-5337; \$20.

■ Adult Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

■ Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

■ TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. in Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

■ Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

■ The San Francisco Early Music Society presents "Orinda" at 8 p.m. Feb.

22, at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. Members of "Orinda" include Jennifer Lane, mezzo-soprano, David Taylor, archlute and theorbo, Hanneke van Proosdij, organ and harpsichord with Katherine Kyme, violin. The group performs "The Pleasures and Follies of Love." Admission: \$22 or \$19. Tickets are available on the web at www.sfems.org or by calling the SFEMS box office at 510-528-1250.

■ The Crowden School and Center for Music in the Community, 1475 Rose St., presents a concert featuring David Abel and Julie Steinberg at 4 p.m. Feb. 23, performing a violin and piano transcription of Igor Stravinsky's Divertimento for orchestra and Dmitri Shostakovich's Sonata Op. 147 for viola and piano. Tickets are \$10 general, free for children 18 and under. Call 510-559-6910 or visit www.thecrowdenschool.org for more information.

■ Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St. In Berkeley, presents "Friday Afternoon Hang" jam session with the Yair Evnine Quartet from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 28. Musicians are welcome to sit in. Admission is free. For more information call 510-845-5373 or visit the Web site at www.jazzschool.com.

■ Ducksan Diano, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

■ Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Graffiti Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

■ Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

■ The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

■ Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

■ Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

■ East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

■ National Alliance for the Mentally III-East Bay Chapter sponsors a support group to provide information and support to families of children and adoles-

cents with mental illness. The next meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 18, at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St., in Albany. Support meetings are free and offer parent and other family members a chance to talk with others in order to share information and get emotional support. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

■ Women's Cancer Resource Center offers Support Groups throughout the Bay area. If you are interested in attending a group, call the Helpline at 510-420-7900 during the Center's open hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12 to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays.

■ Bereavement Support Group meets Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m. at Jewish Family and Children's Services in Walnut Creek. Topics include dealing with loneliness, isolation, anger and other unexpected emotions; changing family dynamics; and re-establishing connections with your community. Receive support in a warm, Jewish context. No charge (donations accepted). Pre-registration required. Call Mari Kutnik LCSW at 925-927-2000 ext. 740. This group is jointly sponsored by Sinai Memorial Chapel and Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group, sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, holds a rap session from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Feb. 18, at Alta Bates Medical Center-Herrick Campus at 2001 Dwight Way in Berkeley. Sufferers of Fibromyalgia and related conditions, their families and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Deborah at 510-644-3273 or for directions only, call Barbara Ridley at 510-204-4503.

■ The Sacred Voice, a cancer support group, led by Shira Stone MFT, uses the tones in the voice to induce states that are beyond words. Participants join voices with others to bring harmony and balance the body, quietness to the mind, integration of feelings, and an experience of connection to the Source of all healing. This free group meets weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at 2951 Derby, Redwood Gardens, in Berkeley. Pre-register with Shira at 510-843-1677.

■ Arthritis Foundation, Northern California Chapter Fibromyalgia Support Group meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 12 to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Media Center, Maffei Auditorium-Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. The next meeting is Nov. 19. Topic: "How to Improve Your Daily Functions," conducted by Alta Bates Staff. There is no meeting in December. For more information, call Deborah Rich at 510-644-3273. For Directions only, call Barbara Ridley 510-204-4503.

■ Grandparent Support Group meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the second Thursday every month at the Malcolm X Elementary Arts and Academics School, 1731 Prince St., room 105A Berkeley. Grandparents, relatives can express their concerns and needs and receive support, information, and referrals for kinship care. For information, call Leni Siegal, MX Healthy Start Coordinator, 510-644-6517.

■ Become a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor. Building Futures with Women and Children is offering a state-recognized training for those interested in volunteering with battered women and children. Training is located at 1395

Bancroft Ave in San Leandro. Call 510-357-0205 ext. 110 for more information.

■ The number of recent tragedies both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour crisis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

■ A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

■ Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

■ Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the East Bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Africa Peace at 625-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

■ The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming — especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

■ "The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

■ The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

■ Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

■ Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

■ Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary.

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Meniketti

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"He wanted to have the perfect community and I think that has really kept Albany on its toes too," said former Albany Senior Center director Jean Allen, one of more than 100 people who attended the memorial. "He wouldn't settle for mediocre, no sir, he tried to keep things right."

Meniketti, a 44-year Albany resident, was born in Oakland and died of a stroke Dec. 5 at the age of 87. He was named Albany Citizen of the year in 1990, was a member of numerous city and county commissions throughout his life and ran an Albany newspaper in the early 1970s. He was perhaps best known for missing only two City Council meetings in 30 years.

Mayor Jewel Okawachi and Maris, in collaboration with Meniketti's children, organized the memorial. On display were several newspaper articles about Meniketti, and photos of him in his 20s. The Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises money for city projects, will raise money for a public memorial recognizing Meniketti, possibly a bench placed on the Ohlone



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DARIO MENIKETTI, who died of a stroke Dec. 5 at the age of 87, had missed only two City Council meetings in 30 years.

Greenway, Maris said.

The heartfelt remembrances at the memorial were peppered with humorous recollections about Meniketti. Roxanne Wiley, a former director of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, was one of several people who talked about Meniketti bringing vegetables or flowers to them, although the flowers were usually taken from someone else's yard.

"I said 'Dario, what a wonderful friend,'" Wiley recalled in a conversation with him. "He said

"I barely made it out in time!"

Chamber of Commerce director James Carter recalled seeing Meniketti with a shopping cart full of wine and brandy and told him he could buy a new jacket with the money he spent on liquor. Meniketti replied that the alcohol would keep him warmer than any jacket.

"He was a great man," Carter said.

Meniketti's ex-wife, Ruth, received what was probably the biggest round of applause and laughter in the event with her comment: "I just want to answer a question that's been on a lot of your minds: How could I divorce such a wonderful man."

After the event, Meniketti's children Marco Meniketti and Nancy Meniketti-Cook said their father was an intense and neurotic person. "He wasn't a saint, he was my dad," said Marco Meniketti.

Marco Meniketti told the audience that during his life, his father was sometimes referred to as an "eccentric gadfly" or a "rat-tlesnake." "He wanted to be referred to as a concerned citizen," Marco Meniketti said.

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Church

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"We try to help all young people," said Pearlie Durham, director of church's board of Christian education.

During a recent sermon, Gipson reiterated the importance of loving and accepting others the way Jesus did and gave a pep talk to parishioners on loving themselves.

"We try to be academic and reserved and it's just not really in our nature. We are the people that let it all hang out and that's not a bad thing. We're colorful... we're beautiful, we're creative," she said.

She went on to say that people should go to church because they want to be holy, not just to put on a show.

"It's time for us to really look at the scripture and see what Jesus is saying," Gipson said. "He doesn't care about your money, he doesn't care about the suit you're wearing today... God is looking at our heart."

Parishioners voiced their approval with applause and cries of "Amen."

St. Peter's roots date to 1953, when Rev. J.S. Belcher was assigned to minister in South Richmond to serve the growing African American community, though at the time there was no church or membership, except for Belcher and his immediate family. As new members joined, the fledgling church began holding its worship services at a home at 53rd and School Streets.

In 1956, the ministry began sharing a sanctuary with another church at 30th Street and Hoffman Boulevard. A sanctuary for the CME was built at 5324 Cypress Avenue in El Cerrito in 1959.

Many of the current mem-



CHOIR MEMBER Rod Moore prays during a Sunday service.

bers grew up with the church, and its acceptance of anyone from the community and its family spirit are its trademarks, Gipson said.

"I was born and raised in this church, and it's a blessing to have the experience of how far we have come," said Patricia Durham, superintendent of Sunday school.

"It makes me feel good to see how the church has grown,"

added Celestine Hercules resident attending the St. Peter's church, a living room was was four years ago.

For more information, contact St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3578 or at alopez1@cctimes.com.

Volunteers

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wanted to expand that," said Councilman Allan Maris.

The volunteers include married couple Rebecca and James Chambers, who moved to Albany a year ago after finishing graduate school, and were looking for ways to get more connected to the community within their limited time available.

So far, they've volunteered with the Solano Stroll and the city's Fourth of July celebration, and have helped plant flowers on Solano Avenue and clean the Bay Trail. The most interesting experience was serving cake at a special City Council meeting.

"We're not type to go to coun-

cil meetings," said Rebecca, who has done all of her volunteering with her husband. "It's nice to see that side."

Wong has been volunteering at the City Administrator's office helping to process passports and sort paperwork. He also drives the Albany senior department senior van once a month.

A former engineer with the earthquake engineering research center at UC Berkeley, he retired two years ago and wanted to contribute to the city while meeting new people.

"Here I got a chance to see and listen in on what's going on in the city," Wong said.

Residents who sign up with the program are notified when a volunteer position has opened and they can choose whether to

take that position. Volunteers are needed primarily for one-time assignments, though occasionally long-term assignments come up, said Rachel Orkand, the volunteer coordinator.

The volunteers include students who need community service hours for their college transcripts and people who are tired of job searching and want to keep busy, she said.

In December, five volunteers on different days and shifts helped the finance department pull apart paperwork and stuff nearly 2000 envelopes for the city's annual business license mailings.

In previous years, the city paid high school and college students to do the same job, said Stephanie Wellemeyer, an account technician for the city.

"They're not particularly interesting jobs, and we had the most wonderful crew of volunteers who pitched in and got it done in record time," last December, she said.

Within a month Orkand will begin implementing a citywide internship program for high school and college students that was recently approved by the council.

As for volunteering with the city, "anyone who is at all interested, even if just to find out about the program, should definitely give me a call," she said.

Cars

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Councilwoman Janet Abelson was in favor of Brusatori's suggestion, and the three comprised the majority.

In a letter written to the City Council, Taabobi said he had never been told that the property was not zoned for a used car dealership, even though he met with city planners several times. Based on their feedback, he hired an architect and began making plans to move his business out of San Francisco.

Later, city planners realized that the area parcel wasn't zoned for a used car dealership. Planning manager Jennifer Carman told the council decisions were made during a time of transition and "it won't happen again."

"We made the best of bad situation," Brusatori said. "But truly I think in the short term it was a very negative response to somebody who was coming to try to do business in city, who was going to produce very needed sales tax."

Council

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war. "We strongly oppose unilateral action by the United States against Iraq," said Rose Lernberg, a vice president of the club, at the meeting.

Before approving the resolution, the council debated whether it was relevant to the city. Councilwoman Sandi Potter said gearing up for war when there's already a federal budget deficit could affect El Cerrito residents by creating cuts in education and city services.

An Iraq invasion, she said, could also create a disaster for the Bay Area through terrorism. "We're kidding ourselves if we say this very important matter doesn't affect us," Potter said.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson agreed, saying the invasion would affect the city's public safety and frighten people.

"The more that we as a council can do to diffuse these fears and give an opportunity to express concerns and be heard, then we're doing a service for the community," she said.

Police

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■ **BURGLARY** — Albany officers investigated a burglary at Marin School on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue. They viewed a tape from the surveillance camera that showed a black man, about 25 to 35 years old, wearing wire-rim round reading-type glasses, a black-and-white baseball cap and a black-and-white shirt enter the room. The man opened a file cabinet, took the students' milk money and left. Police are investigating this and the possibility that it is related to several other burglaries at the school.

■ **WARRANT ARREST** — At about 8:30 p.m. Albany officers stopped a vehicle on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The passenger in the car, a 30-year-old Hayward man, was found to have outstanding warrant from Alameda

County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$5,000, for driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ **MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL** — Shortly before midnight Albany officers investigated a white '86 GMC pickup parked near Adams and Castro streets because a boy appeared to be sleeping inside. They arrested the boy, a 17-year-old of Concord, for being a minor in possession of alcohol and released him to his mother with a notice to appear.

Feb. 17

■ **VEHICLE VIOLATION** — About 1:30 a.m. Albany officers stopped a yellow '83 Ford pickup near Francis and Nielsen streets for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 42-year-old man was arrested for driving without a driver's license, for possession of a controlled substance and for driving with-

out the vehicle's lights.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — A Honda Accord that was stolen from Albany was reported recovered.

■ **VANDALISM** — At 1000 block of Clay Street during the night, damaged the latrine home. There were no witnesses.

■ **DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE** — A driver, a 17-year-old was found to be driving without a license. He was arrested with a Notice to Appear.

■ **THEFT** — A block of Brighton that thieves had stolen from a garage and stolen from were no witnesses.

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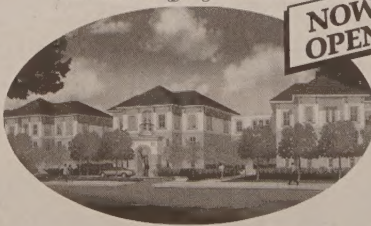
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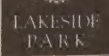
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ROSE AND FRIENDS: Prudential California Realty's CB Rose, far left and below, will join a team of breast cancer survivors and their supporters from July 6 to 12 to climb Northern California's highest dormant volcano, Mt. Shasta.

How far would you go to fight breast cancer?

Prudential California Realty's CB Rose will climb the 14,162-foot-high Mt. Shasta.

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SECTION EDITOR

CB Rose is on a quest. She needs your help, but she also needs to do all the legwork. CB Rose is climbing 14,162-foot-high Mt. Shasta from July 6 to 12 with a

team of 48 breast cancer survivors and their supporters.

So where do you come in? CB has committed to raise \$10,000 for the Breast Cancer Fund.

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In return for your \$100, CB will carry a prayer flag with the name of

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Real Estate Spotlight:

European grandeur in the Oakland Hills



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The 4,300-square-foot home was re-created by Plath & Company, known for the restoration of landmark homes in the Bay area. Mark Becker updated the kitchen and added a family room in 2000.

Modern luxuries such as the elegant chef's kitchen with Viking range, master suite with Jacuzzi and views, and guest quarters with a separate entrance create a perfect blend of modern convenience and timeless beauty. White-oak floors throughout, high ceilings and soft earth tones lend an air of sophistication and elegance. There are a wine cellar, four bedrooms and a guest quarters.

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Those title insurance blues

■ What title specifics you should be aware of

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House Hunting

For example, buyers who had looked long and hard finally found home to buy. They negotiated an acceptable contract with the seller. They knew that the seller was divorcing and that he was having financial difficulties. But, they had no idea just how bad the situation was until they saw the preliminary title report.

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Climbing Mt Shasta

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According to the College of the Siskiyou's Web site (www.siskiyou.edu/shasta), Mount Shasta is one of the 20 or so large volcanic peaks that dominate the High Cascade Range of the Pacific Northwest. This range — which contains isolated peaks with hundreds of smaller volcanic vents scattered among them — trends southward from Mount Garibaldi in British Columbia to Mount Lassen in northern California.

Mount Shasta stands near the southern end of the Cascades, about 65 kilometers south of the Oregon border. It is a prominent landmark not only because its summit stands at an elevation of 14,162 feet but also because its volume of nearly 500 cubic kilometers makes it the largest of the Cascades.

Repeated eruptions over the past 200,000 years have built this relatively young mountain.

Studies show that Mount Shasta has erupted 10 or 11 times during the last 3,400 years and at least 3 times in the last 750 years. While there are no regular eruptions, Shasta's history suggests that it erupts at an average rate of roughly once per 250 to 300 years.

So what about climbing this dormant volcano?

When I first caught sight of Mount Shasta over the braided folds of the Sacramento Valley, my blood turned to wine, and I have not been weary since.

John Muir, 1874

In 1954, Arthur Francis Eichorn Sr. wrote an informative history of mountaineering on Mount Shasta in the Mount Shasta Herald.

According to Eichorn, prior to the coming of the Europeans, an ascent to the summit had never been achieved. In fact, in the early 1850s it was generally believed that the summit was absolutely inaccessible.

There is no authentic evidence that any indigenous people ever climbed the summit. Fear did not restrain them, however, rather it was their profound veneration for the Great Spirit who they believe dwelled in the mountain.

The first successful ascent to

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Challenge

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someone you wish to honor to the summit.

CB has survived uterine cancer, but she is taking on this challenge for her Argentine tango teacher, Christy Cote. While taking lessons from Christy in 1998, CB learned that her teacher had breast cancer and was going through radiation and chemotherapy. "Despite this, she never missed a lesson with me," said CB. "I couldn't believe her courage."

Christy will be celebrating five years of being cancer free this month. "I'm dedicating this climb to Christy," said CB. "She is my friend, my teacher, my hero."

When CB was diagnosed with uterine cancer in October 2000, she says she went into shock. "Waiting three weeks for surgery seemed an eternity," she said. "Love and friendship took on a whole new meaning for me. I became highly conscious of life's beauty and wonder."

When CB climbs Mount Shasta with your prayer flag, she will be carrying on a Breast Cancer Fund's tradition.

In 1995, a team climbed Argentina's Mount Aconcagua. Alaska's Mount McKinley and Japan's Mount Fuji followed in 1998 and 2000.

Through these climbs, the Breast Cancer Fund has raised over \$2 million for breast cancer research, education, support and advocacy.

"It is unacceptable that one in eight women in America have a chance of getting breast cancer," said CB. "The risk level is rising, and we don't know why."

"I would be honored to carry a prayer flag that honors a friend or loved one," she said. "You can know that 70 percent of your donation goes to fighting breast cancer."

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Real estate through the eyes of an 'observer nonpariel'

Number 419 in a series of true experiences in real estate

(The writer of today's column is my good friend, Gretchen White, observer nonpariel. We started talking — very fast — about life, houses and gardens when we met over 30 years ago, and we're still at it. (She's a forensic psychologist, not a real estate agent.)

I love going to open houses. It's an avocation that is so easy. Don't have to have a reservation. Don't have to invite someone. Don't have to go over the bridge. Don't have to dress up. (You can drop your garden trowel, jump in the car, walk through the house in

your schmate and be back in your garden in 20 minutes).

Now, just so you know, I am not looking to buy a house. Which is what I think now. But I happen to live in a house that I bought in exactly this state of mind when I casually walked into a house and knew I had to live there forever no matter what.

My husband came home from the beach with the kids and asked what I did that day. I said we were moving. He said that he wasn't going and would buy our (old) house for himself.

We've lived in the house I found that day for 12 years now.

Today he says it could have been worse: I could have met another man. So here I am to testify that my marriage survived and that I still go to open houses. I have credentials.

But the thing is, you want to talk to someone about it afterwards. So, after going to see another house not long ago, I got to thinking that for people like me, and maybe like you, occasional open house reviews along the lines of a movie review would be interesting. So here goes.

I knew this house well from the outside, having driven up and down its small arterial street for the last 12 years. It looks inviting — light gray stucco, old enough, and neither obviously one or two story.

The front garden must originally have been planned, and it was kept up, although the current owners clearly aren't gardeners. I always thought it was too bad the roof wasn't of better material — wood shingles or thatch or slate — because it is a prominent feature of the cottage-like house.

I walked into the entry and noticed that the hardwood floors were very worn; the coarse grain indicated that they probably had not been refinished for 50 or so years. To the left of a very small foyer is the living room, which is on the long and narrow scale, and is not large, but with a nice feel and nice light.

The wall on the street side has lovely wood framed windows that open sideways with latches. Also, a cozy bay view is opposite the boring (but could be dealt with) fireplace.

Placed at the far end of the room was a long rustic dining table. I found it interesting and pleasant to think of eating in this room where you could see the fire.

Hymer

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There were more than 20 items that had to be removed from the report in order for the sale to go through. In addition, the property had been subdivided. The seller forgot to reserve a sewer easement for the benefit of the property he was selling.

So, the sewer had an illegal hookup on the neighboring property. Surprisingly, through the extraordinary efforts of the seller, the buyer's agent and the escrow officer, all of the items were cleared up and the sale went through.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: It's imperative that you obtain a copy of the title report as soon as possible. When you need to make sure that you understand what the report says. If you don't understand, have your title agent, attorney or real estate agent explain it to you.

The title report will tell you who is the record owner. Make sure that this is the same person who signed your purchase agreement. One buyer discovered that a past owner had not signed the deed granting the property to the current owner. A signature from that person was necessary to close the sale.

In this case, the past owner recognized the error and signed off without requiring any compensa-

tion. You can't always count on this kind of cooperation. If the past owner did make a monetary demand, you would want the seller to be responsible for paying this.

Don't assume that the seller is aware of all the title issues affecting his or her property. One seller found out during the sale of his neighbor's property that there was a sewer easement on his property that benefited the neighbor. His 30-year old title report showed no easements on his property. His title company had missed the easement when they conducted their title search 30 years ago.

Make sure you understand how the encumbrances recorded against the property will affect your ownership rights. Planned Unit Developments (PUD), like townhouses and condominiums, have CC&R's. These are usually created to preserve the integrity of the project. In doing so, they dictate what you can and cannot do with your ownership interest. Be sure you understand how your rights will be restricted before you buy.

THE CLOSING: Some homes that aren't in PUD's have CC&R's. These CC&R's are often benign, including minimal restrictions. But, don't take anything for granted. Read and understand everything.

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Mexico Over the years, Shasta and Sheri have been privileged to represent many of the best of the Mediterranean in the East Bay, and have been fascinated by the appeal of this style of

Shasta Sabine put her boots and headed to the border to take a closer look at those structures of the ancient colonial town of Patzcuaro, Mexico. Developed by the

Shasta Sabine was made up of eight men, under the command of Captain E. D. Pearce gave the

Shasta Sabine's personal narrative of his time in the San Francisco area on Aug. 28, 1854. He states that the first ascent was on Aug. 14, 1854. Shasta is a member of the 19th Century Club and has a considerable experience. Shasta took a considerable effort just to reach the

Shasta and his companions wrote Shasta: Josiah Dwight Smith, John Muir, Clarence King, Harry Brewer, and their associates who wrote their accounts of the ascent of Mt. Shasta and often wrote in as much inspired and expressive as their better known companions.

Shasta and her companions will strike deeper than before. Unlike many of the others before them the way to the top was paved with hope, joy and

Shasta was now visible as a small dot over the wood. Shasta commented to her companions that the painter ought to be able to do it.

Shasta had four other bedrooms, all small, too many to fit together, which you could see the back of the house and around some corner by the time I arrived, I was pretty disoriented. At the top of the cluster is a bedroom, just big enough for a sink, toilet and corner. The toilet seat is that old wood and badly chipped, and my feeling of the climbing shopworn.

Shasta went down to the garage. A car more like a real base and boy, did it have a surprise after room after "maybe four or five of all different sizes and have new sheetrock and rough, unfinished and built in wood bookshelves. Not just bookshelves on the sides of the walls, but all kinds like in a library or I couldn't believe it. I stored thousands of millions of books there, and then all your extra pots and old clothes, and me and it was dry — really,

Shasta was overwhelmed with a vision of my life here could be great. Accessible. Organized. So bottom line, here's my take about this house. It's hard to get rid of the parts, refinish the floors, and the fireplace, do some work in the kitchen and bathroom that French door. Hard to live with this house and bedrooms and baths. A house solution is to combine all of the bedrooms, a decent size master bedroom and bath. But bingo, you have a bedroom. This is the house I'm trying to make a house that's like working on a crossword puzzle. I love it. In fact, one of the ways I myself to sleep at night to fix a bad floor plan of a house recently seen.

Shasta is going sleep over this house when I can't stand thinking about where the ex-room can go. I just imagine rearranging my books on bookshelves, very in alphabetical order.

Shasta and Anet Tarpoff reached at 510-653-2050. www.tarpoffandtalbert.com.

Shasta RECYCLE.

Spanish who began building churches and convents there in 1560.

While on a brief retreat in Patzcuaro, Sheila met Victoria Ryan who owns a fantastic 18th-century colonial villa, which is used primarily as an artists' retreat and a bed and breakfast. Victoria, a native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, was drawn to the picturesque town of Patzcuaro because it reminded her of the Santa Fe she knew in the 1950s with its wide central town plaza and slow-paced lifestyle.

For two years, she searched for the perfect property to buy. She worked with a local Realtor who helped her negotiate the price, and a lawyer who prepared the elaborate original deeds. As Mexico has very few bank loans, Victoria, like most buyers, had to pay all cash for her purchase.

(Although foreigners are allowed to become homeowners, they must

first receive permission from the Mexican government, which runs a complete background check on the buyer's credentials.)

In 1996, Victoria found the place she had been looking for. Named "Casa Encantada," it had been owned by the Cerda family since 1787. Before that, it had been the orchard for an adjacent 16th-century convent. Through the years, the unbelievable charm of the property had attracted such famous guests as the artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. In addition, a famous 1940s Mexican movie was filmed here.

Like most large homes in Mexico, Casa Encantada is surrounded by high, thick adobe walls which protect and conceal the beauty within. A large internal courtyard, splashed with sunlight, features a fountain and lush gardens.

When Victoria first purchased the property, there were many chal-

lenges including 1300-amp watt circuits, one outdoor bathroom, and running water for only two hours each day. She began the renovation by working with a crew of fourteen people.

They immediately installed an 8,000-gallon holding tank, three kitchens and five new bathrooms — all with completely new plumbing. She tore up some of the old wide plank floors and replaced them with traditional red tiles; from the recycled wood floorboards, she built a large dining table and other pieces of furniture. She has decorated the private guest suites with a wide variety of crafts and artworks designed by local artisans.

Of particular interest is the comfortable large kitchen where the walls are covered with original photos of Indian women cooking in the same kitchen in the days when the stove had four open fire pits. To preserve the old look, Victoria carefully

ran a gas line through the old stove, and put a large grill on top. The kitchen features green tiles and green pottery which come from a village called Patamban; every year Victoria makes the four-hour trip there to add more pieces to her extensive collection. The kitchen's color scheme of green tile and vibrant terracotta is repeated throughout the house.

Victoria is proud that all the restoration was done in a completely authentic manner. In fact, visitors often think that nothing has been done to the house.

The decorative details, high beam ceilings, brilliant colors, the art studios, cozy fireplaces and the touches of antiquity all blend to create a wonderful colonial environment. If you want to learn more about giving a true Spanish feel to your home, why not venture south to study the details up close?

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■ A look at the world of subprime lending

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Usually, after three to five years of re-establishing their credit, especially by paying their high interest mortgage loan in a timely manner, they need to refinance to get a better interest rate and loan product. The majority of subprime loans are short term fixed or option ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages) with potential negative amortization. Along with the refinance are all those loan costs and fees.

A few of our lenders have recently dusted off and re-introduced the old "second chance" loan that rewards subprime borrowers with a declining interest rate over a 5 year period of time. The rate reduction is predicated on the on-time payment history within each of the one-year eligibility periods, which corresponds to the first four years of the loan. One late payment (defined as a payment incurring a late charge) is allowed per eligibility period, except during the 12th month. All payments must be made in full.

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the payments would be \$2,174, a full \$336 per month savings over the original start rate.

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Joint tenancy is not better than a will

BY ROBERT J. BRUSS
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: Some time ago you had a letter from a widow who asked why she shouldn't deed her home to her son in joint tenancy with right of survivorship so she wouldn't need a will or a living trust. That's what I did. It was one of the biggest mistakes I ever made. My daughter, age 36, had been "bugging" me to put her on the title to my home, as she lived in my house with me after her divorce. Even my lawyer advised me not to do it. I guess I was hoping my daughter would take care of me in my old age if I get sick (I'm 71 and in quite good health).

About two years later, my daughter met a trucker and married him, and he moved in. Now it seems I'm not wanted in "their" house. I wanted to sell it to them. But my daughter claims she already owns half of my house so why should they buy when it will be hers when I die.

At this point, I would like to sell my house. But I can't because my daughter is on the title. My lawyer has filed a partition lawsuit to force a sale of the house. He's hoping the judge will rule all the sale proceeds should be mine. However, my daughter's lawyer is fighting that argument. Any suggestions? — Amy T.

Dear Amy: Wow! That's a shocking story of your daughter turning on you after she convinced you to add her name as a joint tenant co-owner to your house. Your lawyer appears to be doing all he can to protect your legal rights to that house.

Your situation shows why parents should not add children or grandchildren to their property titles just to avoid probate.

The better solution to avoid probate costs and delays would have been deeding your home into your living trust so you could maintain complete control during your lifetime, including sale or refinancing, without needing your daughter's approval. Your daughter could have been named beneficiary to receive the house when you die.

Building on leased land declines in value

Dear Bob: I have owned two

cooperative apartment units in Rosslyn, Va., for almost nine years. They have doubled in value during this time. The lease on the land beneath the building expires in 2052. I would like to borrow on my equity gained in these units or sell them to buy more investment property.

What happens to a co-op when the land lease expires? I am worried that when the land lease expires, the co-op shares will be worthless.

I am 42 and want to build my mini-empire from the equity I gained in the last nine years. — Marvin K.

Dear Marvin: My best advice is "Get out while the getting is good." Sell those co-ops as fast as you can while the prices are up.

Although 49 years remain on that land lease, unless it contains a renewal provision, when the lease expires, the land owner will then own the co-op building. Your

ROBERT J. BRUSS
co-op shares will be worthless. Of course, you'll be 91 years old by then won't care. As the land lease date comes closer, the shares will become and less. Meanwhile, your co-op shares are difficult and expensive to sell. There are few co-ops that can be sold. If your co-op is not now and never will be, then your investment real estate is a loss. Please consult your attorney.

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one who loves homes. Prominent Bay area authors and historians narrate the slide lectures. This series begins this month and continues through August. The first lecture is

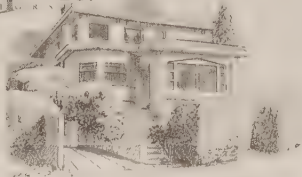
"Victorian Polychroming," on Feb. 27. Color Expert **Bob Brucker** shows how drab houses light up

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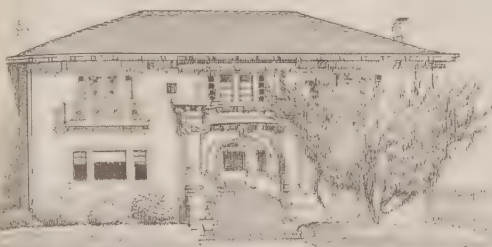
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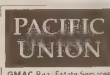
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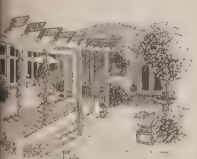
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CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,750,000
123 DAWN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Custom details grace this newly built masterpiece. Beautiful views. Private 12+ acre setting. 5+bedrooms/4.5 baths David Ichikawa x1331

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123 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Custom built w/fabulous great room, formal dining, large level yard, master suite with walk-in closet, terrace & bay views. 5BR/3BA Dee Knowland x1318



MONTCLAIR \$1,475,000
123 BROADWAY TER. (Open 2-4:30)
Award design. Great bay views. Large kitchen & family room. 4BR/3.5BA, 2 baths. Francis Heath x1357

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123 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
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ROCKRIDGE \$860,000

6000 LAWTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Elegant traditional 3BR/1+BA w/formal dining room, new kitchen & 2 fireplaces. Near BART, College Ave. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$795,000

676 LONGRIDGE RD. (Open 2-4:30)
5BR/3BA, very well served deserving of restoration. Over 3000 sq. ft. of gracious living. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$775,000

1 BINNACLE HILL (Open 2-4:30)
3+BR/3BA. Fabulous remodel! Three suites. Loft and Bay view. Bonnie Hirsch x1337



MONTCLAIR \$759,000

6464 GIRVIN AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
4BR/3.5BA, with much privacy. Soaring ceilings, sylvan views and quality materials. Roselle Woods x1324

KENSINGTON \$659,000

240 STANFORD AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
4BR/2BA. Unobstructed panoramic Bay view centered on the Golden Gate. Recently redecorated. Charlotte Boyle x1370 & Helen Danhaki 547-5750



KENSINGTON \$650,000

312 RUGBY AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Sunny 3BR/2BA. Beautifully renovated. Lovely garden. Country kitchen, built-ins, hardwood floors & master suite. Mary Montali x1350



UPPER OAKMORE \$629,000

4308 ARCADIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming traditional 3BR/2BA with stunning Bay views, family room, fabulous deck & yard with level lawn area & patio. Donna Costella x1355.

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$549,000

3386 KIWANIS ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Sweeping bay views, formal dining room & family room. 3BR/1+BA on quiet street. Diane Earl McCan x1352

SAN LEANDRO \$539,000

794 ESTUDILLO AVE. (Open 1-4)
Estudillo Estates! Fabulous 3BR/2BA Mediterranean w/formal dining room, family room & large flagstone patio & garden. Candy Benny x1328

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$539,000

4601 STAUFFER PL. (Open 2-4:30)
Beautiful 3BR/2.5BA home. Remodeled kitchen w/breakfast room, large family room. Tree views from every room. 2-car garage. Diane Earl McCan x1352



BERKELEY \$495,000

885 COLUSA AVE. (Open 2-4:00)
Once Masonic Temple now modern condos. 1+BR/1.5BA, two levels, big deck, peek of the Bay. Leslie Easterday x1363

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$479,000

3543 REDWOOD RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Story book tudor with gracious formal rooms. 2BR/1BA & plus room, level garden. Diane Earl McCan x1352

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$465,000

4118 MIDVALE AVE. (Open 2-5)
Beautifully remodeled 2+BR/2BA w/ stunning Bay views. Formal dining, updated kitchen, fabulous deck, large sunny yard. Christian Downer x1340

OAKLAND HILLS \$439,000

10520 SHELDON ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Stylish ranch with 3BR/2.5BA, family room leading to patio & level yard & downstairs rumpus room. Kathy Flynn x1317

SAN LEANDRO \$409,000

585 JUANA AVE. (Open 1-4)
New listing! 3BR/1+BA, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, charm! Great yard, garage, sunny & bright. Michelle Miller x1335

MAXWELL PARK \$325,000

2543 MONTICELLO AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Simply adorable 2 bedroom bungalow w/hardwood floors, fireplace, vintage-tiled bath. Lorri Arazi x1330



PIEDMONT \$1,395,000

Charming cottage on one-acre lot. Serene, wooded, beautiful setting. Prestigious neighborhood with magnificent homes. Georgia Cornell x1325

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$949,000

Bay view lot, privacy. Approximately 12,800 square feet. One mile walk to BART. David Ichikawa x1331.



PIEDMONT \$920,000

Enjoy S. F. & G.G. Bridge views. 3BR/2.5BA w/ fabulous great room including living room, kitchen & dining area overlooking the Bay. Martha Holstlaw x1312.



ROCKRIDGE \$799,000

Beautiful 4+BR/2.5BA traditional built in 1915. Can be 2 units. Cook's kitchen. Lovely garden. Nancy Noman x1373

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$765,000

English Tudor style 3BR/2.5BA w/generous rooms, lovely windows & hardwood floors. Beautiful backyard w/expansive lawn. Donna Costella x1355

OAKLAND \$325,000

Charming 2+BR/1.5BA Monterey colonial style home in a friendly neighborhood, huge yard, Lanai, even a well! Don't miss out on this one! Fritz Hochfellner x1348

BERKELEY LOT \$250,000

Gentle upslope in sought-after North Berkeley location w/SF view. Nancy Noman x1373

The right architect, right plan: historic home with practical designs

Part three of three parts

Sometimes, a historic house that has retained most of its original architectural features can still be practical for use as modern living quarters. The residential work of renowned Bay Area architect Julia Morgan, who practiced from 1905 to 1945, often needs only modest alterations or upgrading in order to be adapted to current uses. I have listed and sold three Julia Morgan-designed homes during my career as a Realtor, and this was the case with all of these houses.

During my first year as a real estate agent in 1984, I co-listed an early Julia Morgan-designed house in Berkeley's South Campus area with a colleague in my office. Built in 1905, the home was a three-story, eight-bedroom, three-bath house. An elderly widow who had been renting out most of the bedrooms to UC Berkeley students for many years owned the home.

My friend in my office knew I was working with a group of Catholic nuns who were looking for a house in Berkeley that was large

enough for eight nuns to use as a novitiate house. These were the same nuns who had made an unsuccessful offer on the Bernard Maybeck-designed home in North Berkeley that was my first listing (see part one of this series). He said he knew the perfect house for my clients, an expired listing not far from the UC campus.

As soon as I previewed this house, I knew it was perfect for the nuns to live in. So my colleague and I took a "single party" listing naming the nuns as my clients. This was what the owner requested, since she did not want to go through the headache of putting the house on the open market again. When my clients saw the house a few days later, they "fell in love" with it, and made an offer of \$325,000 as is, subject to inspections. Their offer

was accepted enthusiastically by the seller.

The nuns had both the traditional physical inspections, and a report by an architect who had restored several Julia Morgan houses. The total for repairs cited in the standard inspection reports came to about \$40,000. The upgrades and remodeling that the architect suggested would cost around \$100,000. These figures were just within the limits of the nuns' budget for this project, so they decided to proceed with the purchase.

The main changes they planned to make to the house were to add another full bath, expand the one car garage into two cars, upgrade the kitchen, and partition off two of the bedrooms in the upper floor to have reading and sitting rooms for evening prayers. These alterations

did not substantially effect the architectural integrity of the original design, so the preservationists did not object to them. The nuns closed the escrow on time, made their desired changes, and moved into the house a few months later. They are living there happily to this day.

In 1989, just before the Loma Prieta Earthquake, I got a call from the owner of another Julia Morgan house in the canyon behind the Claremont Hotel. She asked me to sell it for her since she wanted an agent who was an expert on marketing historic homes. This house had been designed by Morgan in 1924 for the owner's mother, and had originally stood in the South Campus area before being moved to the Oakland hills in 1964.

The interior of a mostly original kitchen and dining room suffered a clumsy renovation in the 1960s by a local contractor. After listing the house for three months, I held an open house. I got calls from three people they wanted to see. A few days later, the house was sold. None of the purchases had been realized. After

See WILSON

The Dirt Gardener's to-do list

BY BUZZ BERTOLERO
CORRESPONDENT

■ Your lunar to-do list: planting by the moon

Saturday, Feb. 22

Moon is in the sign of Scorpio. Scorpio is the water sign. Fruit trees are pruned in the third and fourth quarters. You'll find specific pruning information for apples, apricots, cherries, plums, peaches, and nectarines at www.dirtgardener.com. I'd go to the Weekend To Do section and scroll down. Also, potatoes can be planted today.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Moon is in the sign of Sagittarius. Fourth quarter begins today. Sagittarius is a fire sign. This is the time to cultivate, destroy weeds and pests. Get a head start on con-

trolling Snails and Slugs in ground covers by broadcasting Snail and Slug pellets over the area now. The best method of distributing the pellets is with a hand held spreader.

Later in the week

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25 and 26: Moon is in the sign of Capricorn. This another opportunity to plant potatoes. Also you can graft and prune trees.

Other things to do

And finally, watch the buds swell on peaches and nectarines as they are getting to the pink bud or popcorn stage. This is the point before the flowers open.

This is the critical time to apply lime sulfur for the control of peach leaf curl, which is caused by a water-activated fungus that washes down into the open flower.

Controlling water damage

Wet winters and inadequate drainage can cause serious damage to homes. Greg Casorso of Casorso Construction, an expert in the field of drainage system installations and applications, offers his popular seminar that shows you how to deal with this problem. Greg's filled-to-capacity seminars are popular with both contractors and homeowners. The seminar will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22 at Truitt & White Lumber Company, 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley.

The seminar will be repeated Saturday, March 1.

Reservations are required; refreshments will be served. Reserve your space by calling 510-649-2674. To learn more about the seminar, call 510-841-0511.

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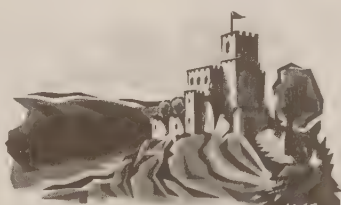
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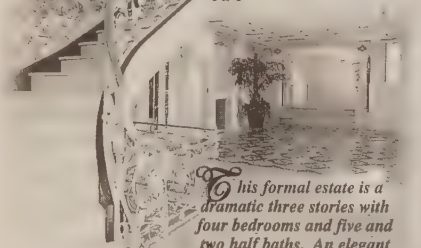
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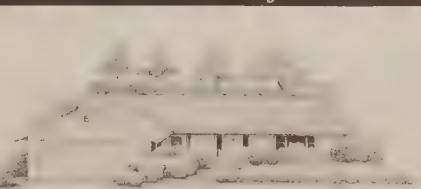
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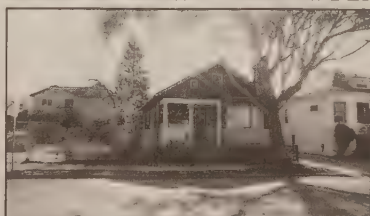
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Logene Butler, Realtor

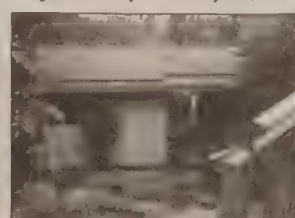
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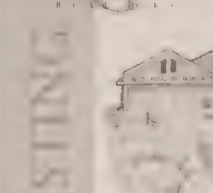
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Quality mid-century home featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms and verdant outlooks from every window. Dramatic wood-beamed ceilings and hardwood floors throughout the main living level add to the appeal of the home. Inviting front terraced garden and decks for outdoor entertaining. There is a carport with 2-car parking and large storage area down. For virtual tour visit McGuire.com.

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1677 GRAND AVENUE **\$799,000**
A marvelous traditional offering architectural charm & serene views. Enter through the beveled glass front door to the lovely living room. Sunny updated kitchen. 4BR/2BA. Large garden. Steve Michaelides



128 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE **\$749,000**
Picture yourself in this charming garden cottage, conveniently located close to schools, transportation and shops. Enjoy hill views from the redwood deck or relax in the hot tub. Mavis Delacroix

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PIEDMONT ESTATE **\$4,495,000**
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CROCKER AVE. **\$2,500,000**
Elegant formal rooms surround this beautiful traditional home. Special features include; large, gracious formal rooms, wonderful original details, & an expansive level rear garden. Mindy Scott



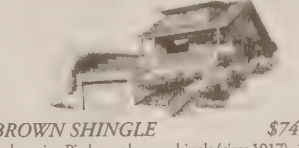
GRACIOUS LIVING **\$939,000**
Enjoy gracious level living in this beautiful home w/ gorgeously remodeled kitchen & flexible floor plan. Entertain in the large level patio w/terraced gardens & graceful, open living & dining area. Mindy Scott



HIDDEN ESTATE **\$3,100,000**
This glamorous estate on almost one acre has been recently restored and offers exquisite gardens and grounds, a beautiful black bottom pool plus a separate 1BR English cottage. Anian Pettit Tunney



ARCHITECT'S HOME **\$1,395,000**
Stunning owner/architect designed Piedmont custom contemporary with Bay views built in a private, wooded setting. Approx. 4500 sq. ft. 3+BR/2.5BA w/many multi-purpose rooms. Angela Wei Grubb



BROWN SHINGLE **\$749,000**
A charming Piedmont brown shingle (circa 1917). 3 bright & sunny bedrooms/1.5baths, sunporch, full basement, 2-car garage. Level-out to a wonderful rear garden. Close to schools & transportation. Elizabeth Dickson

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Enjoy spectacular 3 bridge views from this spacious home. Living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, kitchen w/ breakfast nook, 4BR/3BA. Family room w/separate entrance & BR/BA are perfect for au-pair. Carolyn Jones



751 SPRUCE STREET **\$649,000**
New price on this 3+BR/1+BA gracious Berkeley Mediterranean w/stunning city views, vaulted beamed ceilings, dramatic fireplace, hardwood floors & level garden. Possible au-pair w/separate entrance. Jill Carrigan

1672 TACOMA AVENUE **\$559,000**
A light-filled gem in the desirable Solano Ave. neighborhood! Craftsman details throughout, living room w/fireplace & built-ins, eat-in kitchen, 2BR, hardwood floors, private back garden. Annie Walrand

77 EUCALYPTUS ROAD **\$695,000**
One-level, architect designed home in the coveted Claremont neighborhood! 2+BR/2BA, gourmet kitchen, Bay view, 2-car attached garage! This wonderful home is in pristine condition! Bebe McRae

1111 SHATTUCK AVENUE **\$629,000**
This attractive & sunny home features hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, attached garage, basement & storage area. Located just minutes from UC Berkeley, Live Oak Park & Gourmet Ghetto. Diane Verducci

5 FOREST LANE **\$399,950**
Wonderful fixer w/views that needs extensive reconstruction! Great potential! 3+BR/3BA. Dining room & kitchen open to wonderful garden! Located on a nice, quiet street in N. Berkeley. Susie Schevill

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ELMWOOD DUPLEX **\$800,000**
Elmwood duplex! Beautifully remodeled 3BR/2BA Craftsman with 1BR/1BA income unit! Close to College Ave. shops, dining and BART! Bebe McRae

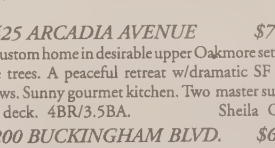
NORTH BERKELEY HILLS **\$750,000**
Charming well located home with character! Vaulted ceilings, wood paneled family room, garden and peek of the Bay views. Nancy Lehrkind

KENSINGTON WITH VIEWS **\$879,500**
Kensington. Gourmet kitchen! Formal dining room. Striking family room w/French doors to garden! Large living room. 2 fireplaces. 5BR/3BA. Chris Cohn & Lori Lombardo

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9049 BROADWAY TERR. **\$1,150,000**
Enjoy spectacular city views from this wonderful spacious home. The open floor plan & soaring ceilings make this a special place to entertain. 4BR/2.5BA, sun room & space galore. Mindy Scott



7200 BUCKINGHAM BLVD. **\$649,000**
This sophisticated 3BR/2BA home has been tastefully remodeled and updated, w/quality finishes throughout. In a private setting near regional parks, yet convenient to shopping & transportation. Wendy Sprague

3924 LAUREL AVENUE **\$485,000**
Charming! Features include; a gorgeous chef's kitchen, formal dining room, spacious master bedroom, hardwood floors, fenced garden, deck & patio. 3BR/2BA. Move-in condition! Nancy Lehrkind

6960 NORFOLK ROAD **\$1,150,000**
New Tuscan Villa in the Oakland/Berkeley hills. Superior craftsmanship, soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchen w/ granite. Enclosed private courtyard, 3 large decks, 3 fireplaces, Bay views. 4BR/4.5BA. Jill Carrigan

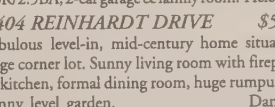


341 RISHILL DRIVE **\$559,000**
Enjoy spectacular views from this spacious home on a large lot above the Oakland Tennis Club. Living room w/fireplace & dining area opens to deck, eat-in kitchen, 3BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage & family room. Helene Barkin

260 CALDECOTT LANE #303 **\$399,000**
Lovely, light-filled 2BR/2BA Parkwoods condominium w/loft. Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, large deck with view of the Oakland Hills. Fabulous Parkwoods amenities; pool, sauna & spa. Susanne Paul



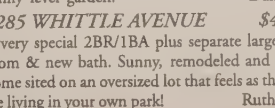
1080 HUBERT ROAD **\$995,000**
A stylish Crocker Highlands English Tudor. Light filled rooms with leaded windows & a vaulted ceiling in the living room. 3BR/2.5BA, kitchen/family room and additional room for a home office. Jean Simmons



4404 REINHARDT DRIVE **\$525,000**
Fabulous level-in, mid-century home situated on a large corner lot. Sunny living room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, huge rumpus room & sunny level garden. Dana Cohen

320 CALDECOTT LANE #318 **\$399,000**
Gorgeous 2BR/2BA "Carmel" model with loft. Maple cabinets and exquisite decor make this condominium a real "knock-out"! Fabulous amenities include security, pool, gym, sauna & spa. Tricia Swift

1293 SUNNYHILLS ROAD **\$879,000**
Sunny colonial on a quiet street in popular Crocker Highlands. Eat-in country kitchen opens to deck, open floor plan, 4BR, rumpus room and potential au-pair. Move-in condition. Sandra Vogl



4285 WHITTLE AVENUE **\$499,000**
A very special 2BR/1BA plus separate large finished room & new bath. Sunny, remodeled and upgraded home sited on an oversized lot that feels as though you are living in your own park! Ruth Frassetto

458 38TH STREET **\$375,000**
Conveniently located just 2 blocks to MacArthur BART, this remodeled home is filled with old world character. 2BR/1BA, spacious landscaped garden with fruit trees, one car garage & extra parking. Ed Kuo

OAKLAND - By Appointment



EXQUISITE NEW HOME **\$2,498,000**
Soak in the sun & magnificent Bay & city views from this brand new Mediterranean. Old country cobblestones, flagstone courtyard & terraces. Debra J. Dryden

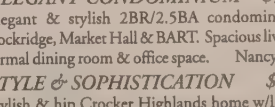


MONTCLAIR VIEW HOME **\$1,095,000**
New architectural contemporary masterpiece! Exceptional palette of color, dramatic use of lines, light & space. 4BR/3.5BA & Bay views. Jill Carrigan



JEWEL IN THE ROUGH **\$649,000**
Located in Upper Rockridge w/N. Bay views, this spacious 3+BR/2BA cosmetic fixer awaits a creative touch. Hardwood floors, fireplace & garden. The Ratcliffes

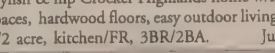
STYLISH & SOPHISTICATED **\$1,995,000**
New Mark Becker contemporary with wonderful Bay views. Cooks kitchen, elegant master suite and great outdoor patios. 4BR/3.5BA. John Karnay



ELEGANT CONDOMINIUM **\$749,000**
Elegant & stylish 2BR/2.5BA condominium near Rockridge, Market Hall & BART. Spacious living room, formal dining room & office space. Nancy Lehrkind

IDEAL UPPER ROCKRIDGE **\$585,000**
Upper Rockridge 3BR/2BA with great level garden. Excellent condition with 2-car garage. Great opportunity to move to this sought after location. Ed Kuo

SENSATIONAL! **\$1,775,000**
Fabulous contemporary w/SF Bay view. Enjoy the soaring ceilings & open floor plan. Very spacious master suite. Family room opens to pool & spa. Steve Michaelides



STYLE & SOPHISTICATION **\$749,000**
Stylish & hip Crocker Highlands home w/light, open spaces, hardwood floors, easy outdoor living on nearly 1/2 acre, kitchen/FR, 3BR/2BA. Judith Cain

VINTAGE CHARM **\$325,000**
Rockridge condominium w/vintage charm near College Ave. shops & BART. 1st floor 1BR/1BA unit. Formal living & dining room, garden & garage. Judith Cain

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ALAMEDA
406 Baywood Rd - \$425,000
301 Broadway 106 - \$325,000
3216 Fairview Av - \$520,000
3341 Fernside Bl - \$860,000
1406 High St - \$630,000
1102 Island Dr - \$425,000
2142 Pacific Av - \$478,000
1086 Post St - \$533,000
933 Shoreline 301 - \$375,000
2101 Shoreline Dr - \$445,000
1436 Walnut St - \$423,000

BERKELEY
2756 Acton St - \$375,000
1159 Arch St - \$500,000
1607 Berkeley Wy - \$512,000
2225 California St - \$380,000
1810 Curtis St - \$465,000
1340 Derby St - \$260,000
1250 Haskell St - \$280,000
1812 McGee Av - \$420,000
2308 Parker St - \$424,500
2565 Rose St - \$900,000
2220 Sacramento 2 - \$203,500
1033 Shattuck Av - \$744,000
1415 Summit Rd - \$580,500
2330 Valley St - \$488,500

EL CERRITO
2531 Alva Av - \$412,000
1307 Brewster Ct - \$939,500
414 Colusa Av - \$435,000
6970 Fairview Dr - \$570,000
1007 Liberty Ct - \$329,000
5222 Potrero Av - \$330,000
200 San Carlos Av - \$595,000
5716 San Diego St - \$224,000
7991 Terrace Dr - \$600,000
1761 Walnut St - \$590,000

EL SOBRANTE
950 Loma Linda Av - \$351,500
856 Manor Rd - \$285,000
2116 Rancho Rd - \$378,000

EMERYVILLE
1200 65th 102 - \$429,000
8 Admiral A236 - \$178,000
3 Captain 209 - \$312,500
6363 Christie 1427 - \$440,000
6 Commodore C230 - \$232,000

5855 Horton 802 - \$335,000
108 Temescal Cr - \$270,500
5573 Vallejo St - \$360,000

KENSINGTON
169 Ardmore Rd - \$550,000
1616 Oakview Av - \$560,000
9 Westminster Av - \$500,000
139 York Av - \$470,000

OAKLAND
1224 10th St - \$252,000
2311 17th Av - \$451,000
1069 21st St - \$335,000
2741 25th Av - \$435,000
1202 32nd St - \$320,500
1206 32nd St - \$300,500
1971 38th Av - \$239,000
2007 46th Av - \$300,000
944 46th St - \$400,000
1250 51st Av - \$79,000
1157 55th St - \$190,000
2007 57th Av - \$185,000
1178 58th Av - \$192,000
2659 66th Av - \$277,000
3519 66th Av - \$285,000

2542 74th Av - \$258,000
1675 78th Av - \$205,000
1754 81st Av - \$240,000
1010 84th Av - \$215,000
1226 88th Av - \$205,000
1605 88th Av - \$255,000
1925 88th Av - \$176,500
1316 90th Av - \$238,000
1315 93rd Av - \$252,000
1536 96th Av - \$200,000
2912 Adeline St - \$325,000
637 Almaraz Dr - \$200,000
3948 Archmont Pl - \$329,000
6615 Banning Dr - \$545,000
3061 Birdall Av - \$397,000
3538 Boston Av - \$305,000
4100 Brookdale - \$270,000
379 Burlwood Av - \$255,000
5654 Cabot Dr - \$521,000
6106 Camden St - \$185,000
3029 Chestnut 304 - \$267,000
2920 Chestnut - \$305,000
44 Cortez Ct - \$425,000
592 Crestmont - \$547,000
3523 Custer St - \$160,500

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77 Eucalyptus Rd., Berkeley/Oakland
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Architect designed one-level home in the prestigious Claremont neighborhood! Two bedrooms, study, two full baths, two car garage. Beautifully remodeled with gourmet kitchen and Bay view.
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Cow Hollow
Panoramic views of the Bay from every room in this 1 bed/1 bath top floor unit. Just half a block from Union St. shops and restaurants. Recently remodeled kitchen; wood burning fireplace; private deck, 1 car parking. Low HOA.
\$499,000

Hayes Valley
Junior 1 bedroom condo in a great building, The Barcelona. Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, walk-in closet. Close to Civic Center, shopping, restaurants and easy public transit.
\$235,000

Cathedral Hill
Rarely available west-facing unit in the Sutterfield. Very well maintained - in pristine condition - 1 bedroom, 1 bath with parking and partial City views. Perfect for the busy executive.
\$450,000

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Crocker Highlands ~ Open Sunday ~ 2 to 5

1048 Underhills Road
Charming 3BR/1BA split-level English Tudor, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen, wonderful vintage china cabinet, all hardwood floors & French doors to private rear deck and garden.
New price: \$625,000

1253 Holman Road
Adorable split-level bungalow, hardwood floors, fabulously remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, basement bonus room suited for office or play, and backyard with hot tub.
Offered at \$589,000

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(510) 834-2010 Office
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Maxwell Park
OPEN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2-4:30
2543 Monticello Ave

Simply adorable two bedroom bungalow with decorator colors throughout! Hardwood floors, fireplace, vintage-tiled bathroom!

Offered at \$325,000

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New Listing in Redwood Heights
OPEN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2-4:30PM

3543 Redwood Road, Oakland
Storybook English tudor style home with gracious architectural details throughout. Spacious living room with distinct fireplace, hardwood floors and natural light. Large dining room. Tastefully remodeled kitchen with adjoining dining area. Large plus downstairs currently used as t.v. room/home office. Level rear garden. A real gem. Don't miss it!

Asking price \$479,000

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Panoramic Views \$2,400,000
Grand European Normandy style 4BR/3.5BA, newly rebuilt Albert Farr, exquisite craftsmanship throughout, prime upper Rockridge location with fabulous views.
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Crocker Highlands \$589,000
Adorable 3BR/1BA bungalow, stylish remodeled kitchen, granite counters, basement plus room.
Dolores Thom
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$499,000
651-66th Street. An exquisite 3BR/1BA bungalow with cottage office, remodeled and restored.
Brian Santilena
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$429,000
2438 Carmel. New listing! Charming 2BR/1BA Mediterranean with gleaming hardwood floors and large backyard with fruit trees.
Sharon Ho
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$389,000
1435 E. 36th St. Glenview bungalow. 4BR/1BA. Refinished hardwood floors, newly painted, formal dining room, extras.
Jacque Palacios
(510) 834-2010

★ Open Sun. 2-4 \$369,000
325 Vermont. You'll love this home! On Kensington border. 3BR/2BA, cul-de-sac, superb kitchen, MB-suite, large level garden, deck.
Chris Kafitz
(510) 868-1400

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$1,595,000
5922 Acacia. Stunning Mediterranean, SF views, 4+BR/3.5BA, family room, patios, great for entertaining. Elegant.
Glass/Sabine
(510) 428-0900

★ Open Sun. 2-4 \$1,495,000
3 Contra Costa Pl. Level-in 4+BR/3BA. Fantastic SF to Marin views. 2 master suites. Huge family/entertainment room.
Aless G./Vickie R.
(510) 428-0900

Sleek Custom Contemporary \$1,395,000
Sophisticated 1 year old courtyard home. 3+BR/2.5BA, atrium, artist's loft, skylights, large lot, open floor plan, prestigious Roble Road address.
Ford/Plowright
(510) 848-1093

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$995,000
662 Longridge. Crocker Highlands elegance. Features include 4BR/3BA, lovely formal rooms, gumwood detail, great kitchen with family room.
Dolores Thom
(510) 834-2010

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$949,000
116 El Cerrito. Charming contemporary with legal in-law. 5+BR/4BA, backyard, close to Piedmont schools.
Glass/Sabine
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$899,000
6615 Elverton Drive. Great price for 5BR/4BA, newer, incredible view home in Montclair.
Heidi Marchesotti
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$699,000
1377 Trestle Glen. Lovely 3+BR/2BA home with hardwood floors, fireplace, large kitchen, baths and ample storage.
Heidi Marchesotti
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$619,000
8039 Broadway Terrace. 1st Open! Level, spacious 10 year old 2BR/2BA home. Light-filled w/bay views.
Vince Moran
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$1,550,000
20 Oak Ridge Rd. Grand 1914 Willis Polk Mediterranean, 5BR/4.5BA, pool, spa, Heritage Design kitchen, prime location, wonderful details.
Ford/Plowright
(510) 593-0376

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$299,500
3101 Herriot Avenue. Cute 2BR/1BA starter home with fireplace, corner lot and Oakland view.
Andreas Furtner
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2:30-5:30 \$249,999
3251 63rd Ave. Remodeled, 2BR/1BA, corner lot, nice location, cute, and priced to sell.
John Gardner
(510) 845-0211

BERKELEY/ALBANY
Claremont Court! \$1,750,000
Beautiful English Country style overlooking park. Remodeled kitchen, study, nanny quarters. 5 BR, 3 BA.
Julie Lehman
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2431-2433 7th St. Berkeley. 8 units. All 1BR/1BA. Good tenants.
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4269 Knoll Av - \$340,000
3622 Lyon Av - \$333,000
2901 MacArthur 108 - \$212,000
333 MacArthur Bl - \$1,100,000
9657 Maddux Dr - \$250,000
3241 Magnolia 108 - \$391,500
3229 Magnolia St - \$393,000
3247 Magnolia St - \$402,000
3507 Midvale Av - \$379,000
1505 Mitchell St - \$275,000
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8219 Skyline Cr - \$709,000
239 Taurus Av - \$1,441,500
4119 Terrace St - \$420,000
24 Town Square - \$275,000
1594 Tucker St - \$248,500
1598 Tucker St - \$253,000
1991 Tunnel Rd - \$342,000
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3850 Whittier Av - \$130,000
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862 10th St - \$145,000
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\$1,725,000



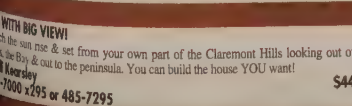
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2940 MADERA, OAKLAND
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17024 Via Media - \$362,000
16115 Via Segundo - \$385,000

16148 Yale Av - \$368,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$860,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$445,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$494,455

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TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$203,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$900,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$466,643

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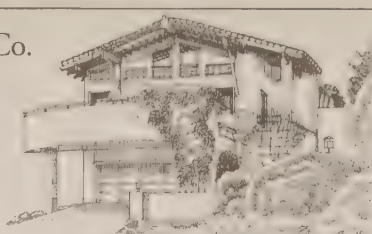
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$224,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$939,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$502,450

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$378,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$351,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$338,167

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1096 Amato Drive, Oakland

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Enjoy spectacular three bridge views from this spacious Oakland/Berkeley hills home. Features include: living room with fireplace, formal dining room, cherry kitchen with breakfast nook, four bedrooms and three baths. The downstairs family room with separate entrance and bedroom and bath nearby, are terrific for au pair.

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BERKELEY ORDINANCE

Join the "Lunch Bunch" at the Berkeley Association of Realtors, Wednesday, Feb. 26. The topic is the Berkeley Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance (RECO). Guest speaker **Alice LaPierre**, Energy Analyst for the city's Energy Office will explain the impact of

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The Oakland Association of Realtors wants to help you renew your real estate license. Attend a half-day seminar and earn all 45 DRE credit hours at once. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The instructor will be "The Real Estate Guys" talk show host, **Charlie Krackeier**. The seminar is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Friday, March 14. The location is the OAR Auditorium on Webster Street in Oakland. For more information about attending to renew your license call 800-547-3639.

LEARN THE LAW

Commercial and residential income property owners need to know and understand the new state and local laws regarding evictions. "Commercial And Residential Evictions In California — How to Do

Them Right Under the New Rent Control Law Measure EE" is a seminar that provides practical knowledge to deal with this critical area of the law. The faculty of Sterling Education Seminars presents the class from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6 at the Clarion Suites Hotel Lake Merritt in Oakland. For tuition information visit the Web site at www.sterlingeducation.com.

WCR EVENT SPONSOR

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter is offering an opportunity for businesses in the real estate community and its affiliates to sponsor their upcoming trade show, "United We Stand — Homeownership for Women" is scheduled for Saturday, March 29. Sponsorship categories are Corporate Partner, Corporate Sponsor and Vendor. There are trade booths and speaking opportunities for all participants. For participation information contact **Monique Washington** at 510-452-8280.

TOUR DAY

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45, on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the OAR Building. This month's speaker is **David Levin**, Attorney at Law. The topic is "Re-thinking estate planning in an era of 'Through the Roof' property values". Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. Be a winner of one of many raffle prizes. Network more — sell more. For questions and parking information call **Ingrid Westgard** of North American Title at 510-339-2380 or **Ramadan Aziz** of First American Title at 510-339-1230.

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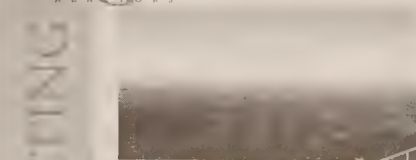
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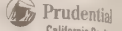


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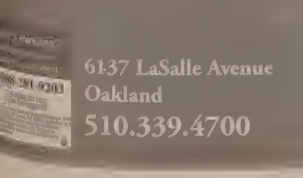
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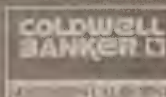
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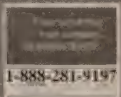


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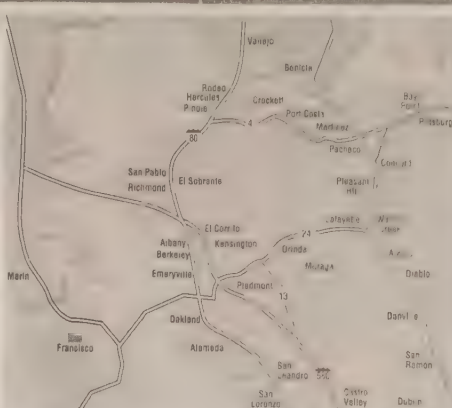
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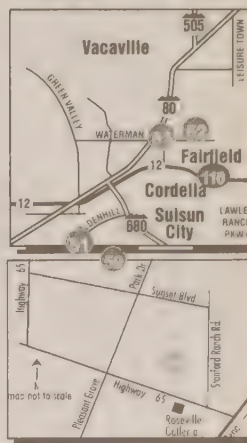
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Alameda triples its pleasure

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

excruciating 81-56 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito, which it had defeated 57-54 in El Cerrito on Jan. 17. The Gauchos, on the other hand, had trounced Encinal 60-33 on Tuesday, shutting out the Jets 18-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we were just as good as Berkeley, so I took that (loss) over them tonight."

With Calandri firing in four 3-pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 39-37 lead at the half. Alameda's Lucia Galindo fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

The game swung permanently away from El Cerrito in the first few moments of the third quarter.

Nicole Catania stole the ball from Analise McGrew underneath the Alameda basket and scored for 41-37. The Gauchos turned the ball over immediately after that and Calandri hit another 3-pointer for 44-37. El Cerrito called timeout with 7:05 left in the period and already had turned the ball over four times.

The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos, their inside game evaporating, were forced to go to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our hustle on defense," Calandri said about the effort against El Cerrito. "It (the defense) wasn't there against Berkeley. I thought we held back against Berkeley; we didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandri's success was ball movement; the Gauchos

simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, set and shoot.

"It was a bad job of coaching," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few moments of the third quarter didn't help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter and Christina Perricone had all eight of her points in the second half.

Kumari Wills had 12 points, including six in the first quarter when the two teams battled to a 19-19 tie.

Calandri finished with 29 points to lead all scorers. Marquita Green had 23 points to lead El Cerrito and Jordan McCormick had 14.



EL CERRITO HIGH'S Analise McGraw, right, gets a rebound over Alameda's Shahidia Grissom-Reid in their ACCAL game.

AL NOTEBOOK

Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina

After a heart-pounding week in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys soccer season, the Oilers are gearing up to face their opponent tomorrow in the second round of North Coast Section 3A play.

At the start of the week, the Oilers, the No. 3 seed after last week's seeding meeting, earned a round bye and will face the Mustangs and No. 11 Clayton Valley. The match will take place at Alameda where Oilers coach Siles feels his team plays best.

"I think we have a significant edge. We don't lose much when we're at home," he said. Siles added that he'd like to see the Oilers take on Monte Vista, which the Oilers battled to a preseason tie. Siles recalled Oilers leading 1-0 late in that game, until a ballhandling misadventure in the Oilers' end resulted in a Mustangs' goal.

Monte Vista's is a good team. We like to avenge that tie," he

added. In NCS 2A action, El Cerrito and No. 6 seeding and will be the No. 3 seed Kennedy at Alameda High School Saturday.

The two teams met on Dec. 3 in a preseason match, and El Cerrito beat Kennedy 4-1. Despite the lopsided win, Gauchos coach Fred Gonzalez is expected to have a close contest the second round.

This will be a tight game, we're matched. I'm sure Kennedy has improved since we said.

Indeed it has, embarking on a nine-game unbeaten streak since Jan. 17. The Gauchos are also playing well, allowing only two goals in their last four matches while scoring eight in that same span.

On the girls side of the 2A action, El Cerrito, which finished second place in the ACCAL with Pinole Valley, will start its postseason run on the road against No. 1 seed Pied-

Netball

The Alameda girls basketball team nailed nine 3-pointers to defeat El Cerrito 79-71 at home Friday and protect its undefeated ACCAL record at 9-0.

Lucy Calandri stung the Oilers with the hardest with a 29-point effort to lead both teams. She stamped her name on seven of the team's nine 3-pointers. As the game came in the first half, the Hornets mounted a comeback to lead at halftime.

The Hornets pulled away in the second quarter, thanks in part to Lucia Galandri's steal and score. She finished the quarter, followed by another Calandri 3-pointer to boost the lead to 60-49.

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BSAL NOTEBOOK

Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

The Salesian High School boys soccer team had two Bay Shore Athletic League matches judged to be "no matches," and they may have cost the Chieftains a North Coast Section berth.

Salesian finished the league season with a 9-4-3 record, fifth in the BSAL. Two victories in the canceled matches might have propelled Salesian into a tie for second with St. Mary's, which did get an NCS berth.

The first match that was ruled "no match" by BSAL Commissioner Phil Tomasini was a rain makeup with John Swett (1-15-1). "Neither coach, according to the (athletic directors) of the schools, were quick to reschedule the match," Tomasini said. "So it was never played."

The second match was to be played last Friday in Alameda against St. Joseph Notre Dame. "The St. Joseph athletic director (Dan Curry) told me Thursday that the public park (the Pilots) play at was unavailable on Friday," Tomasini said. "It could not be played on Saturday because Salesian already had a match against St. Mary's. So that day was out and the (NCS) seeding meeting was the next day."

Girls soccer

Round-robin: Tomasini said Saturday that the girls soccer league will have a double round-robin schedule next season like the boys league used this season. The girls teams played league foes just once this year during the regular season.

Boys basketball

Long wait for St. Joseph: The Pilots (19-7, 10-1) won their first BSAL title Tuesday with a 46-45 overtime victory at Piedmont, but fans and followers of the team will have to wait awhile to see it in action again.

League play actually ends tonight, but the Pilots have a bye. The first round of the playoffs are Tuesday, but the Pilots have another bye.

The semifinals are scheduled for Thursday. But that is the regular night for monthly bingo in the St. Joseph gym, so the game will be played Friday. The championship game will be played Saturday, March 1, at Albany High. That's nine days between games, and then two tough games in two days, what with the likes of Kennedy, Salesian and St. Mary's lurking.

The Chieftains, who are in second place, are the only team to defeat St. Joseph in league play, winning 44-42 in Alameda on Jan. 24. At least one Pilots player wants another shot at Salesian.

"Sure, I'd like to play them again," said St. Joseph center Kevin Neveu, who scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds in limited playing time during the Pilots' 68-36 victory over St. Elizabeth on Saturday night.

Meanwhile, St. Joseph coach Maurice Horton was espousing the old "one game a time" routine when talking about the playoffs Saturday. But he did say his team's rather under-the-radar rankings this season didn't bother him.



BERKELEY HIGH CREW

Berkeley crew gets ready for season

THE BERKELEY High boys crew program held its annual ergathon Feb. 8 at Civic Center Park. More than 50 rowers from Berkeley High — sponsored by family, friends, and community members — rowed 4,000 meters on an erg (rowing machine). Berkeley is one of two public high schools in the west that sponsors a rowing team. The racing season starts March 1 with a novice regatta.

ON DECK

Prep boys soccer

■ North Coast Section 2A playoffs, first round, No. 6 El Cerrito vs. No. 3 Kennedy at Richmond High School, 5 p.m. Saturday — The Eagles are riding a 13-game unbeaten streak, but they will have to get the ball past top-notch Gauchos goal-keeper Michael Gonzalez to advance to the next round.

■ NCS 2A playoffs, first round, No. 7 St. Mary's vs. No. 2 Bishop O'Dowd at Burrell Field, San Leandro, 7 p.m. Saturday — The Panthers have a tough first-round opponent in the Dragons.

Girls soccer

■ NCS 2A playoffs, first round, No. 8 El Cerrito at No. 1 Piedmont — The Gauchos faces a Highlander squad which has a 14-game winning

streak and only one loss and one tie this season.

JC women's basketball

■ Contra Costa at Marin, 6 p.m. tonight — The Comets, who are ranked second in the state in the Feb. 10 CCCWBCA Women's Basketball Poll, will try to win an outright Bay Valley Conference championship against No. 3 Marin, which beat the Comets 75-58 on Jan. 28.

Prep boys basketball

■ Salesian at Albany, 7 p.m. tonight — The Chieftains need a win to guarantee themselves a home game in the Bay Shore Athletic League playoff semifinals on Thursday.

■ BSAL playoffs, first round, Tuesday, TBA — The postseason begins with Salesian, Kennedy, St. Mary's

and Albany all shooting for the league playoff championship.

■ El Cerrito at Pinole Valley, 7 p.m. Tuesday — The Gauchos will attempt to avoid a derailment by a dangerous Spartans squad.

Prep girls basketball

■ Piedmont at St. Mary's, 6 p.m. tonight — This is the Panthers' (and the BSAL's) last chance to place a loss on the Highlanders' regular season league record.

■ BSAL playoffs, first round, Tuesday, TBA — Kennedy, St. Mary's and Salesian have guaranteed themselves spots in the playoffs.

■ El Cerrito at Berkeley, 7 p.m. Thursday — Berkeley faces a test from a talented Gauchos squad.

Stars of the week

■ Sam Laird, Albany boys basketball — The senior small forward scored 25 points in three quarters of the Cougars' 73-38 win over John Swett, then produced 27 points in a 62-55 Albany victory over St. Patrick. In the latter game, Laird broke a school record for most consecutive free throws converted in a game with a 14-for-14 effort.

■ Joy White, Berkeley girls basketball — White scored eight points in the Yellow Jackets' 81-56 win over Alameda, then led Berkeley with 13 points in its 51-50 victory over McKinleyville.

■ Michael Gonzalez, El Cerrito boys soccer — Gonzalez produced seven saves in a 0-0 tie with powerful Berkeley.

BRIEFS

Soccer tryouts

The Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League will hold tryouts for its boys and girls Class I Mavericks teams in March and April as follows:

Under-10 boys: Saturday, March 8 at Booker T. Anderson field 2, 10 a.m.; Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's Field East, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.

Under-11 boys: Saturday, March 8 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.; Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's West, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.

Under-12 boys: Saturday, March 8 at Anderson 2, noon; Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's West, noon; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 1, noon.

Under-13 boys: Saturday, March 8 at Anderson 2, noon; Saturday,

March 15 at Gabe's West, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 2, noon.

Under-14 boys: Saturday, March 8 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.; Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's West, 2 p.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.

Under-15 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 13 at Fielding West, 10 a.m.

Under-16 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, noon; Sunday, April 13 at Fielding West, noon.

Under-17 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.

Under-18 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at King, 3 p.m.

Under-19 girls: Saturday, March 8 at Gabe's East, 10 a.m.; Saturday,

March 15 at Anderson 2, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Gabe's East, 1 p.m.

Under-11 girls: Saturday, March 8 at Gabe's West, 10 a.m.; Saturday, March 15 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at King, 1 p.m.

Under-12 girls: Saturday, March 8 at Gabe's West, noon; Saturday, March 15 at Anderson 1, noon; Sunday, March 23 at King, 3 p.m.

Under-13 girls: Saturday, March 8 at Fielding West, 10 a.m.; Saturday, March 15 at Anderson 2, noon; Sunday, March 23 at Fielding West, 10 a.m.

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Under-15 girls: Sunday, April 6 at Fielding West, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April

13 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.

Under-16 girls: Sunday, April 6 at Fielding West, noon; Sunday, April 13 at Anderson 1, noon.

Under-17 girls: Sunday, April 6 at King, 1 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.

Under-18/19 girls: Sunday, April 6 at King, 3 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at Anderson 1, 4 p.m.

Players should arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled times for check-in. Tryouts last two hours. Players should bring soccer shoes, shin guards, a soccer ball with their names on it, and water. Parents or guardians need to sign medical release at check-in.

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WORT MEDIA items from
short attention span:
"Given the current politi-
climate of the country,"
KQED radio's puckish
Krasny, "it should be
surprise that the shuttle
is being blamed on the
being."

Media reader Josh Martin
our new national civil-
slogan is: "Duct and

are living in strange
circles. When you read
we may still be on Orange
(Serious) or maybe Red
(really, really serious). ABC7
Ned Potter talks about
alarm-fatigue. Being
home-improvement-abled,
has long held a spe-
cial place in my heart, as does
I believe it was "Home
Improvement" star Tim Allen
wisely observed: "Duct
is for things that move
shouldn't. WD-40 is for
things that don't move — and

Here's TV Guide's acerbic
Matt Roush, on "Joe Mil-
ler's" faux rich guy Evan
Miller: "The guy had the per-
sonality of a shucked oyster."
Too many of these
reality shows pander
urge to feel superior to
and whom we watch, and
depressing."
Krasny's station, KQED, is a
phenomenal run. The S.F.
public radio station is al-
the highest-rated (in per-
centage share) public station in
country and has more over-
stations in bigger cities —
New York and L.A.

In the latest Arbitron ratings
KQED has passed an
milestone — its "cume"
(number of listeners) is now a
phenomenal 740,700 per week
making it the first public sta-
tion anywhere to top 700,000. I
checked the ratings for the 60
commercial radio stations in
the Bay Area, and only three
had a higher "cume" than
KQED — newstalk KGO, all-
day KCB and urban-music
KJLH. "It's quite an ac-
complishment for KQED — and
a reflection of the dismal state
of commercial radio. Speaking
which, disgraceful KSFO
manager Michael Savage
just signed to do a show on
NBC as well.

Speaking of NBC cable sta-
tions (good segue, huh?), long-
time KPIX news director Harry
Carson, one of the brighter guys
ever met in broadcasting,
now exec producer of
NBC Europe. He's based in
London and recently returned
to the Bay Area to speak to lo-
cal TV and radio news direc-
tors. Fuller's insightful take on
the difference between Europe
and the U.S. is worth sharing:
"The Euro nations differ from
the U.S. because they're largely
concerned for safety, security and
stability over the United
States' open competition, indi-
vidualism and risk-taking in-
centive."

Fuller drew laughs when he
mentioned a hot Brit TV show.
You think American dating
shows pander, consider
"The Rehearsal," where couples
with partners — and cameras
and it all. "Wife Swap" drew
million U.K. viewers in its
first week, and Fuller pre-
dicted it could show up in the
U.S. soon. Could? Count on it.
Weekend show to check out
on the new talk station KNEW
(AM). "Wine Country"
is airing at 3 p.m. Satur-
day. It's sort of a wine version
of "Car Talk." The lively
chatty show is co-hosted
by winemakers Mike DeLoach
and Gina Gallo. I've heard
it's a few folks, and it's fun:
the folks de-mystify wine
and don't take themselves too
seriously.

Long-time KGO and KSFO
host Jim Easton tells me
he's leaving the piney woods of
North Carolina to relocate in
Southern California (probably
the Gold Country) "to be
with my granddaddy." Until
then, remember: Duct

Comments? E-mail
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THE BAGUETTE QUARTET will be performing Parisian music from the '20s, '30s and '40s tonight at the Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse.

Quartet evokes spirit of Paris

By Brian Kluepfel

CORRESPONDENT

If Odile Lavault's first accor-
dion had been a child, she never
would have been permitted to
adopt another. She drove it
around on the back of a bicycle
through Eastern Europe. She ran
it over with an automobile. The
much-abused instrument ended
its life in the back of a flooded
car in the South of France.

"It was an adventurous accor-
dion," Lavault admits.
Perhaps it was Lavault's haste
to escape the stuffy world of clas-
sical music that led her to such
extremes with her first pop in-
strument.

Having grown up under the
regime of rather stodgy and un-
compromising piano and cello in-
structors in Paris' musical acad-
emies, Lavault's introduction to
the accordion — she heard it first
on a quiet Sunday morning on a
Parisian street — opened up a
door to a golden musical epoch
she continues to explore with her
Berkeley-based Baguette Quartet.

"It was love at first sight,"
Lavault says of the accordion. Af-
ter buying her first model, she

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Baguette Quartet, Parisian
music from the '20s, '30s and '40s

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21

WHERE: Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse, 1111 Addison Street, Berkeley

TICKETS: \$16.50 advance,
\$17.50 door.

began frequenting the shop of a
Monsieur Costa on Paris' Rue
d'Flanders. She admits that she
hung out in the shop for the am-
biance — "Costa spent so much
time talking, he could never re-
pair anything," she says.

Lavault's first gig offered a
glimpse into both multicultural-
ism and the seedy underbelly of
Parisian nightlife — she replaced
an accordionist in a club
owned by a pimp, playing from
midnight until 4 a.m. It was here
she may have first heard and
played the Parisian street songs
that still form part of her reper-
toire — tales of prostitutes, mur-
ders and the adventures of other
habitués of the nightclub and
streets. For example, "La

Guingette a ferme ses volets"
(The tavern has closed up its
shutters):

*The plaintive accordion's one
fearful note lingers*

*Male voice swearing, a death
rattle*

*Heavy bodies falling, and
heavy, muffled blows.*

Further Latin influences in-
terject themselves into the
Baguette Quartet's music. Each
of their three CDs features a song
by Argentine legend Carlos
Gardel. For these, Lavault typi-
cally plays a bandoneon, a noto-
riously difficult concertina model,
but one which dominates tango
music.

"Gardel was born in
Toulouse," says Lavault. "People
from that area have loud voices,"
she says, laughing. The singer's
arrival in Paris in the 1930s
caused a sensation, though the
tango had been growing in popu-
larity in France since the be-
ginning of the century.

"I focus on the 1930s because
that is the golden age of accor-
dion music," Lavault says. Her
love was fostered by a French ra-
dio program that she first heard
at age 16.

"The DJ had a huge personal
collection of 78 rpm records from
the 1930s. He was a maniac,"
Lavault says. Dreaming of be-
coming a sound engineer, the
teenager had the equipment to
record the shows and later tran-
scribed the words. The mania
had been passed to the next gen-
eration.

Technical innovations per-
mitted a rich crosscurrent of mu-
sic to happen in Paris in the pe-
riod between the wars. "At the
end of the '20s they started de-
veloping chromatic accordions,
(rather than diatonic)," Lavault
says.

Easier to play, chromatics en-
abled players to get more ro-
mantic phrasing, she says, and
the presence of fabulous gypsy
guitarists such as Django Rein-
hardt brought jazzy complexity
and richness to such forms as the
valse musette, another Baguette
Quartet favorite. The foxtrot
came from the United States; the
paso doble, whose steps are pat-
tered after a bullfight, came
from the French-Spanish border
region.

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Community theaters producing an earful

FIRST OF ALL, notice the
name of the comedy
opening tonight at Trans-
parent Theater — "THE RE-
HEARSAL." That's not a typo.
The italic "ear" in the middle is
the way London TV and
screenwriter Mark Chappell
and British telly personality
Alan Connor Hamilton wrote it.

It's a way of suggesting typ-
ographically that something is
a bit skewed in this world pre-
miere subtitled: "A One-Act
Play in Three Acts."

The one-act of this play
within a play is "The Ear," an
obscure Hungarian work by the
dissident, albeit fictional, play-
wright Alexander Lubbeck.
"THE REHEARSAL" itself —
the whole ball of wax as you
may have guessed — brings the
audience behind the scenes
into two rehearsals and the
opening night of "The Ear."

Prepare for a disaster.
Personality clashes abound.
The set designer has impossi-
bly grand visions. There's a
giant ear dominating center stage
(designed by Anne Gold-
schmidt, Transparent's real-life
resident scenic artist). And the
director insists on holding
open-ended discussions about
the multiple layers of meaning
behind every other word in the
script.

But the show must go on!
And it does. What happens
next is what the show is all
about, and I wouldn't tell you
if I could, which I can't, not
having seen it myself. But
don't be surprised if every-
thing goes so wrong it actually
goes right.

Artistic director Tom Clyde
steers this comic romp; man-
aging director Coley Lally de-
signed the costumes.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TRANSPARENT THEATER'S production of "The Rehearsal: A One-Act Play in Three Acts" opens tonight in Berkeley, with performances by, from left, David Sinaiko, Paul Silverman, Mary Unruh and Bridgett Reynolds-Perry.



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"THE REHEARSAL" plays at
8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays
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Call 510-883-0305, or check
www.transparenttheater.org.

LOW MILES, RUNS GOOD:
East Bay playwright Bobby

Clements is again un-garaging
his comic vehicle "A Peep Un-
der the Hood" for four show-
ings this weekend at Black
Repertory Theatre, 3201 Ade-
line St., Berkeley.

Clement writes in a program
note that he revived and re-
fined his play after a dormant
period brought on by the death
of director George Felker III,
"whose stewardship helped
bring my play . . . to the com-
munity theater forefront." It de-
buted about 10 years ago at
Live Oak Theatre in Berkeley
and made another appearance
at Black Rep in September
2001.

This is a black comedy in
every meaning of the word, a

tale swirling around an auto
dealership called "Gulliver Mo-
tors." Times are tough. Dissen-
sion is in the air. A motley crew
is at the edge of mutiny.

"A Peep Under the Hood," a
Black Rep-Foglight production,
is directed by Sean Vaughn
Scott. Plays at 8 p.m. tonight,
2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday
and 5 p.m. Sunday.

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2120 or the hotline at 650-271-
1736.

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ing highlights in the life of

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EVENTS

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Brian Copeland, Feb. 28 and March 1
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MUSEUMS

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND
LIBRARY** — "Golden Road to Free-
dom: The African Legacy in California,
1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit fo-
cusing on the role that people of
African descent played in later expedi-
tions and settlements before the an-
nexation of California

"Selections From the African American
Museum and Library at Oakland Col-
lection," through May 12. An exhibit
of documents and artifacts relating
to politics, labor, education, entre-
preneurs, pioneers and founders.
Learn about the history behind the
collection and the plans for its fu-
ture

"The West Oakland Senior Citizen
Oral History Project," ongoing. This
visual and oral exhibit captures the
history of some of West Oakland's
senior treasures. Featured are 51
black-and-white photographs and
recorded conversations, including
ones by Dr. Marcella Ford, Ruth
Backford, Anthony Martinez, and
Alonso Fields

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Telling It Like It Is: A Black Journalist
Oral History and Archival Project For-
um," Feb. 22, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
AAMLO and the Robert Maynard In-
stitute for Journalism Education pre-
sent a panel discussion on the civil
rights movement, "Black Power," the
urban explosion, and other events
that transformed the African Ameri-
can community. Moderated by Earl
Caldwell, host and producer of Pacific
Radio's "The Caldwell Chronicle"

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EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A mu-
seum specializing in the art and his-
tory of Africa. The collection, which
was on display in the museum's Jack
London Village branch, has been in-
corporated with the material in the
14th Street Victorian Museum build-
ing, the site of the original museum.
Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Mon-
day through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6
p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-
0141

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ORARILY.
2811 Russell St., Berkeley. 415-591-
8900 or www.magnesmuseum.org

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM —
"Exodus: Movement of Jah People,"
through March 6. Featuring the work
of artist Keba Armand Konte. The ex-
hibit by Konte, an Oakland-based
artist, looks at a black Oakland family
which is moving out of Oakland due
to the escalating violence in that city's
black community and compares it to
the black families being forced out of
San Francisco in the 1970s by the
"Urban Renewal" programs, known to
many as the "Negro Removal" pro-
grams, in the light of the larger issues
of race and class in the United
States.

"California Paintings 1910 to 1940,"
through March 6. Featuring 40 paint-
ings by California artists including
Maynard Dixon, Maurice Braun,
Joseph Raphael and Ann Bremer.

"Subtle Sight," through March 6. An ex-
hibition of site specific interventions in
the "California Painting" exhibit by
contemporary artists including
Stephanie Syjuco, Greg Niemeyer,
Trevor Phelan, Talia Kunkle, Tina
Wolfe, Tomas Vaneek and Chris Sol-
ars.

"Many Roads: 150 Years of Mills Col-
lege," through March 6. An exhibition
organized by the staff to celebrate
Mills College's sesquicentennial.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Opening Reception for "Exodus," Feb. 26, 7:30
p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Keba Armand
Konte will be present as will Deborah
Willis, the curator of the coming
Smithsonian exhibition "Reflections in
Black," speaking immediately follow-
ing the reception. At The Art Museum.
Free.

"Imaging Blackness," Feb. 26, 7:30
p.m. A lecture by Deborah Willis, cu-
rator and the nation's leading histo-
rian of African American Photog-
raphy, on black images and black
females in photography. Willis is the
curator of the Smithsonian photo-
graphic exhibition of Keba Armand
Konte photographs which will be on
view at The Mills College Art Mu-
seum and Library in Oakland and
The Oakland Museum of California
during the summer of 2003. Part of
the ongoing "Lectures By Curators"
series. Free.

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Christine Dolan and Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire, Ben Nuckols, Malcolm Rittter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Bruce Westbrook, Houston Chronicle; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Evan Hansen, Valerie Kulkenski, Fred Shuster, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Charles Ealy, Tom Mastrand, Chris Vognar, Matt Weitz and Philip Wurtch, Dallas Morning News; Christopher Kelly and Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Jay Boyar, Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Balleka, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"ABOUT SCHMIDT": If you love Jack Nicholson, seeing Alexander Payne's ("Election") dark and rather mournful comedy should be high on your list. It features the actor in a state of mind in which we rarely see him: vulnerable, soul-searching and compromising in a way that ordinary people must often

be. He is Nebraskan Warren Schmidt, recently retired and widowed, and realizing how futile his life has been. Only one means to salvation: Stop his daughter (Hope Davis) from marrying a doofus waterbed salesman (Dermot Mulroney). — M. Pols. (R: language and brief nudity) 2 hours, 4 minutes. **A**

"ADAPTATION": This latest collaboration from director Spike Jonze and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the "Being John Malkovich" team, is a heady, happy jumble of thought and storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a sane and breathtakingly creative film. Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to film, with Nicolas Cage doing double duty as the tortured screenwriter and his more successful twin brother. Add to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things, and an Oscar-worthy performance by Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **A**

"ANTWONE FISHER": "Good Will Hunting" joins the Navy in this real-life story of a troubled but admirable young man who finds his better self with the help of the troubled but well-meaning psychiatrist he is ordered to see. It's formulaic and idealized, but there is real heart beneath this story's thick shellacking of lost man-child sen-

sitivity. The fact that the real Antwone Fisher wrote the screenplay and that first-time feature director Denzel Washington can marshal his troops just as well as he deploys his own prodigious acting talents contribute mightily to this pleasing result. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, violence, children in jeopardy) 1 hour, 57 minutes. **B**

"BIKER BOYZ": This film looks like "The Fast and the Furious" on two wheels, with its growling engines, Cuisinart-style editing and bootylicious women in skintight clothes. Unfortunately, it is neither fast nor furious as it meanders through a series of minor brawls and races leading up to the Big Event, Derek Luke is Kid, a teenager who's itching to race but must bide his time as a "prospect" in the Black Knights motorcycle club. His father (Eni La Salle), a respected motorcycle mechanic, dies early in the film during a stunningly graphic racing accident. Six months later, Kid returns to take on Smoke (Laurence Fishburne), who is leader of the Black Knights. The dialogue is often laugh-out-loud lame ("Burn rubber, not your soul"), and the stunt riding is repetitive and disappointing. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: violence, sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **D+**

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE": Just hours before they killed a dozen classmates and a teacher at Columbine

High School, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? Is it logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 2 hours, 59 minutes. **B**

"CATCH ME IF YOU CAN": Director Steven Spielberg has pulled off a neat feat, with two cool movies in one year. He's likely to get more praise for the darkly futuristic "Minority Report," but the pleasure is all ours in this fleet-footed treat, based on a true story. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Frank Abagnale Jr., who began his career as a con artist as a teen in the '60s. With Tom Hanks as the workaholic FBI man who pursues him through bogus identities as a doctor and Pan Am pilot. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and brief language.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **A-**

"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **A**

"CITY OF GOD": Fernando Merelles scorching anecdotal history of violence in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, traces the decline of a neighborhood, Cidade de Deus (City of God), from a sun-baked shantytown where children while away the days in soccer games and petty thievery into a shadowy slum teeming with armed adolescent warriors. The portrait of a boy soldier enlisting in a volunteer criminal army with an astronomical mortality rate is one of the movie's many profoundly unsettling images. Adapted from a best-selling novel by Paulo Lins, who grew up in Cidade de Deus. Its narrator, Rocket (Alexandre Rodrigues), is a young photographer from the same neighborhood, whose loose-jointed yarns follow the fates of a number of his childhood acquaintances. — S. Holden. (R: scenes of violence and graphic sex talk) 2 hours, 10 minutes. **A-**

"CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND": Affection for Chuck Barris is not a prerequisite, thankfully. Even those who despised the creator and host of the monumentally grating 1970s hit "The Gong Show" may get caught up in the merry pace of George Clooney's directorial debut, an adaptation of Barris' autobiography, which "revealed" he had a second, secret career as a contract killer for the CIA. Sam Rockwell is excellent as Barris, Drew Barrymore the bee's knees as his girlfriend, and Clooney and Julia Roberts are fine in peripheral roles. The movie whizzes by in a whirl of smart comedy and snappy visual styles Clooney borrows from his past directors, but it bogs down in its refusal to make any judgments about Barris. Hanging out in the middle of the road, no matter how good the scenery, eventually gets dull. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content and violence.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **B**

"DAREDEVIL": This "Spider-Man" wannabe fails, largely thanks to how

OPENING TODAY
"DARK BLUE" (R)
In the days leading up to and immediately after the Rodney King verdicts, a racist veteran cop (Kurt Russell) and a rookie (Scott Speedman) work on a murder case with dangerous implications for the LAPD. Based on a James Ellroy story.
"GODS AND GENERALS" (PG-13)
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• The Pianist (R) 10:45, 1:45, 5, 8:15	
• Rabbit-Proof Fence 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:15	
AMC Bay Street 16	
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• 25th Hour (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:15	
• Adaptation (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20	
• Antwone Fisher (PG-13) 1:45, 10:40	
• Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 4:10	
• Chicago (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 5, 8:45, 7:45, 9:30	
• Dark Blue (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15	
• Deliver Us From Eva 1:20, 3:40, 6:10, 8:35, 11	
• Gangs of New York (R) 1:15, 4:45, 8:30	
• The Hours (PG-13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55	
• How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13) 1:30, 2:50, 5:30, 7:30, 8:15, 10:10, 10:55	
• Life of David Gale (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35	
• The Lord of the Rings (PG-13) 1, 4:40, 8:20	
• Old School (R) 1, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:15, 11:30	
• Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 6:05, 7:15, 8:40, 10, 11:15	
California Theatre	
113 Kintredge St., Berkeley 510-843-3456	
• 25th Hour (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:45	
• About Schmidt (R) 12:45, 4, 6:45, 9:30	
• Gods and Generals (PG-13) 11:15, 3:35, 8	
Chabot Space & Science Center	
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300	
• The Human Body (NR) 11:30, 2:30, 4:30, 8:30	
• The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30, 5:30	
• Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 12:30	
• To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30	
Elmwood 3	
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-849-0530	
• My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 5:35, 9:20	
• Nicholas Nickleby (PG) 6:40	
• The Recruit (PG-13) 5, 7:15, 9:15	
• Rivers and Tides (Not Rated) 4:40, 9:10	
Renaissance Grand Lake	
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556	
• Daredevil (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40	
• Gods and Generals (PG-13) 2, 7	
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• Old School (R) 12:30, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30	
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Parkway Theater	
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Piedmont Theatre	
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• Bowling for Columbine (R) 4, 9:15	
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• Naked (Not Rated) 7, 9:15	
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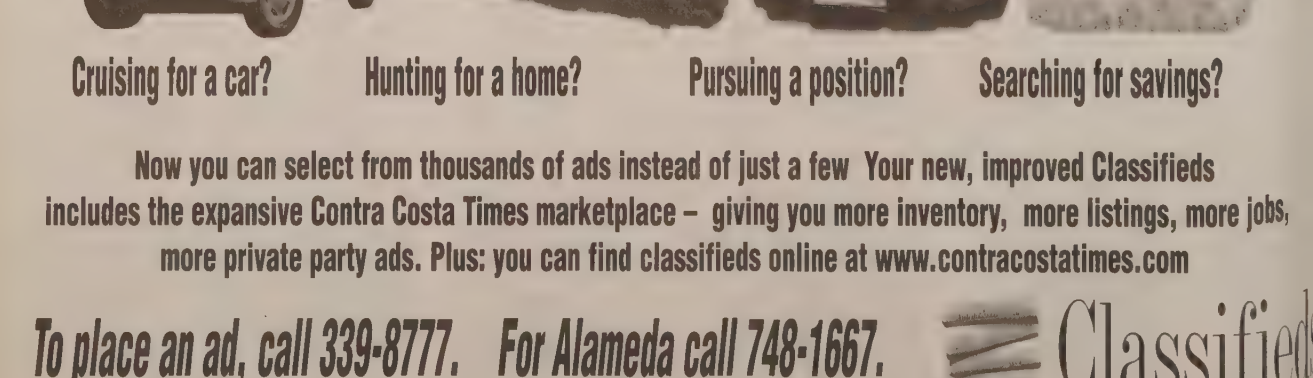
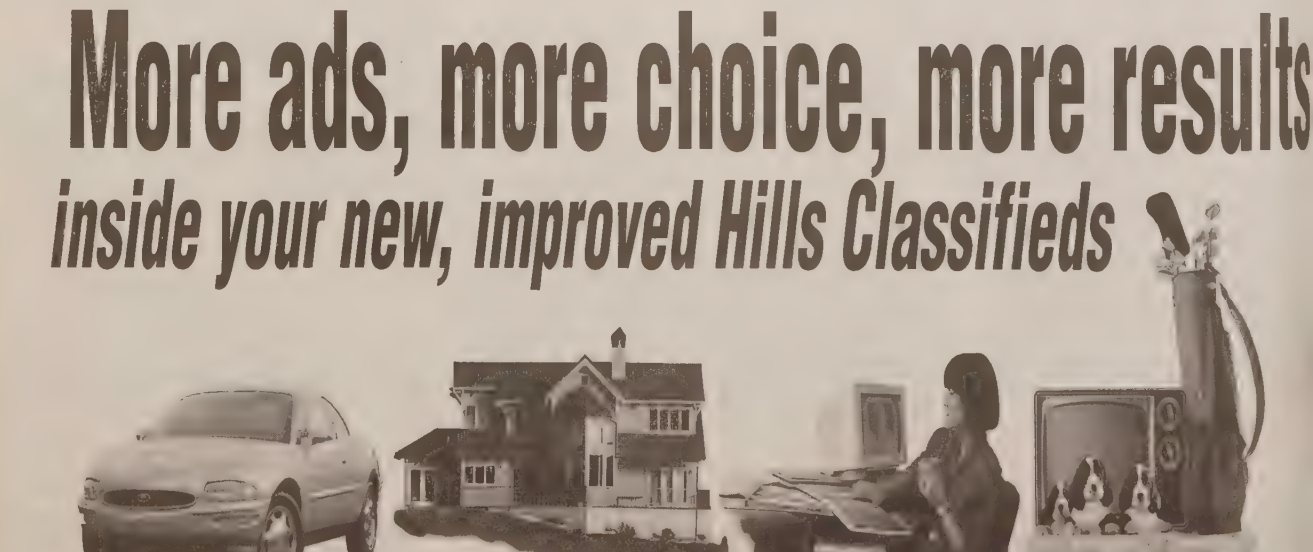
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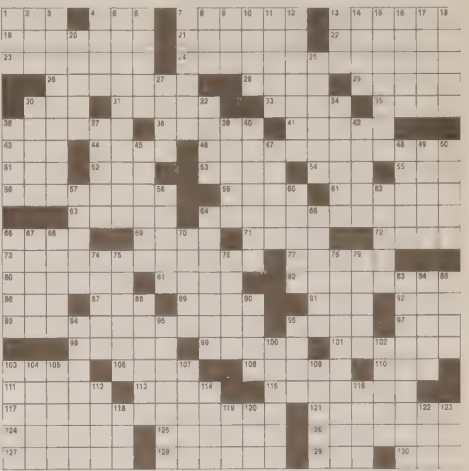
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"Fred Wilson: Objects and Installations, 1927-2000" and "Aftermath," Feb. 23, 1:30 p.m. A sign language-interpreted tour of these two Museum exhibits. Gallery 2 and 3.

"Indian Ways of Telling Stories With Pictures," Feb. 23, 3 p.m. A slide/lecture by Joanna Williams, University of California professor, on the narrative and pictorial practices in Indian painting. In the Museum Theater.

"Curator's Talk," Feb. 27, 12:15 p.m. Lucinda Barnes, Senior Curator for Collections, highlights the standard of innovations that has guided the museum's collecting practice throughout its history. In Galleries 5 and 6.

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UC BERKELEY HEARST MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY — "Native California Cultures," ongoing. This is a permanent exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's California collections, the largest and most comprehensive collections in the world devoted to California Indian cultures. The exhibit includes a section about Ishi, the famous Indian who lived and worked with the museum, Yana tribal baskets and a 17-foot Yurok canoe carved from a single redwood.

"A Century of Collecting," ongoing. The exhibit examines artifact collecting as a form of cultural representation, presenting objects from around the world. Displays focus on the systematic character of these collections and provide original contexts for the objects, which increases a viewer's understanding of the peoples who made and used the objects.

\$2 general; \$1 seniors; \$0.50 youths age 16 and under; free on Thursdays for all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1020 Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley, 510-643-6462 or www.hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu.

UC BERKELEY MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY — "Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Pteranodon," ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Pteranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

"California Fossils Exhibit," ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils that have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-1821 or www.ucmp.berkeley.edu.

USS HORNET MUSEUM — Come aboard the USS Hornet, a World War II aircraft carrier that has been converted into a floating museum. The Hornet, launched in 1943, is 899 feet long and 27 stories high. During World War II she was never hit by an enemy strike or plane and holds the Navy record for number of enemy planes shot down in a week. In 1969 the Hornet recovered the Apollo 11 space capsule containing the first men to walk on the moon and later recovered Apollo 12. In 1991 the Hornet was designated a National Historic Landmark and is now docked at the same pier she sailed from in 1944. Today, visitors can tour the massive ship, view World War II-era warplanes and experience a simulated aircraft launch from the carrier's deck.

EXHIBITS — "Hornets before Wings," ongoing. This exhibit chronicles the 227-year history of U.S. Navy ships bearing the Hornet name, from the Revolutionary War through the Cold War.

"Boomerangs and Roostertails: Cold War ASW in the Pacific," ongoing. This exhibit honors the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) squadrons assigned to protect America during the Cold War. As a cornerstone of the Museum's new ASW Research Division, the exhibit traces the development of the Hunter-Killer ASW Carrier Battle-group and the role played by the VS Squadrons, squadrons of anti-submarine planes.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Flashlight Tour," Feb. 22, 8:30 a.m. Explore areas of the ship that have not yet been opened to the public, including machinery spaces on the 4th Deck and the Captain's Quarters. Reservations required. \$35 per person also includes all-day admission to the museum. 510-521-8448, ext. 228.

"Living Ship Day and Booksigning Lucky Lady," Feb. 22. Each month the USS Hornet hosts a "Living Ship" demonstration that brings the museum to life through simulated flight operations. In addition to guest speakers, aircraft are lifted to the flight deck and placed in landing position, and visitors have the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a real jet fighter.

Along with the numerous veterans, author Steve Jackson will be on hand to describe "The World War II Heroes of the USS Santa Fe and Franklin," one of the greatest rescue missions of WWII.

"Flight Deck Fun," ongoing. A former Landing Signal Officer will show children how to bring in a fighter plane for a landing on the deck then let them try the signals themselves. Times vary. Free with admission.

Protestant Divine Services, Sundays, 11 a.m. Hornet Chaplain John Berger conducts church services aboard the Hornet in the Wardroom Lounge. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served immediately following the service.

\$12 general; \$10 seniors, students and military; active or inactive; \$5 youths age 5 to 16; free children under age 5. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pier 3 (enter at Atlantic Avenue), Alameda Point, Alameda, 510-521-8448 or www.uss-hornet.org.

WESTERN AEROSPACE MUSEUM — The museum features a display of aircraft ranging from World War II to present-day models, as well as other historical aviation memorabilia. Among the museum displays are a McDonnell Douglas A-4 Skyhawk from the Vietnam War; a McDonnell Douglas British Aerospace Harrier; a replica of the Wright Brothers 1911 Vin Fiz, the first plane to be flown across the United States; and a Lockheed Vega, a single engine plane flown by Amelia Earhart who set speed records in it. The plane is the only Vega in existence with an aluminum fuselage. Also included is a vertical take-off Harrier jet formerly belonging to NASA and a British-built flying boat. Documented tours available by special request.

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8TH ANNUAL ALLEN TEMPLE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION — "A Tribute to African Heritage" by Daniel Bufford and Betty Gaddling, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. and March 1, 2:30 p.m. This is the West Coast premiere of the MAAFA theatrical production.

\$15 general; \$8 seniors and youths; \$5 children ages 12 and under. 8501 International Blvd., Oakland, 510-544-8924.

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY — "The Chairs" by Eugene Ionesco, through March 9. A married elderly couple pass their time in an abandoned seaside building playing private games and telling each other half-remembered stories in this meditation on the human condition.

\$28 to \$38. Wednesday through Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley, 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org.

BEEBE MEMORIAL C.M.E. CATHEDRAL — "So 'God' created Woman Part One" and "Men/Women of the Jesus Movement, Part Two," by Patricia Redds Sr., Feb. 23, 4 p.m. A biblical drama with music by The Missionary Choir with dance scenes by The Matie E. Coleman Children's Group.

Free. 3900 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 510-655-5114.

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "Shirley Valentine" by Willy Russell, Feb. 28 through March 9. A witty, British look at one woman's triumph over her traditional gender role, boredom, and an empty nest.

"Over the River and Through the Woods" by Joe DiPietro, closing Feb. 22. An Italian-American bachelor is schemed into staying in New Jersey by his grandparents through a series of set-ups.

\$15 Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito 510-524-9132

EIGHT STREET STUDIO THEATRE — "Oedipus Rex" adaptation by Nicholas Rudall, March 1 through March 30. Featuring the cast of Shotgun Players and guest performers from Darvaz, this is a soulful translation of the famous Greek drama.

\$18 general; \$12 seniors and students; \$20 opening night with reception; \$10 Thursdays. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley, 510-704-8210 or www.shotgunplayers.org

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — "The Chosen" by Chaim Potok, closing March 2. Adapted from the novel of the same name, this is the story of two boys in Brooklyn in the 1940s who share their passions for Torah and baseball, but are swept up in their fathers' religious conflict. A Travelling Jewish Theatre production.

\$20 general, \$12 50 students and children. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, 510-845-8542 or 925-798-1300 or www.juliamorgan.org

STAGE MASTERS DINNER THEATRE — "Ain't Misbehavin'" by Murray Hor-

witz, Richard Maltby Jr., and Thomas "Fats" Waller, closing Feb. 22. Enjoy dinner and this popular musical featuring The Jim Franz Band.

\$35. Dinner, 7 p.m.; show, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda 510-522-1015, ext. 13

TRANSPARENT THEATRE — "The Re-narsal" by Mark Chappell and Alan Connor Hamilton, Feb. 21 through March 23. The audience is brought into the making of an obscure fictional Hungarian play titled "The Ear."

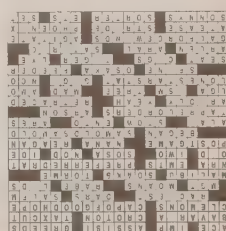
\$20 general; pay-what-you-can Sunday Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheatre.org

LA VAL'S SUBTERRANEAN THEATRE — "Champion!" by Thessaly Lerner, closing Feb. 24. A one-woman show of musical cheerleaders, cut-throat child stars and mommy managements from hell. A Teen Pony Production show.

\$12 to \$20. Feb. 21 and Feb. 22, 8 p.m., 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, 415-789-8370 or www.thessalylerner.com

WILDE IRISH PRODUCTIONS — "The Importance of Being Oscar" by Michael Mac Liammoir, through March 23. A theatrical journey through Oscar Wilde's life.

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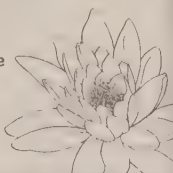
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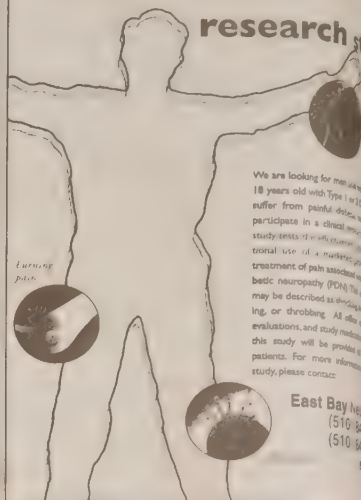


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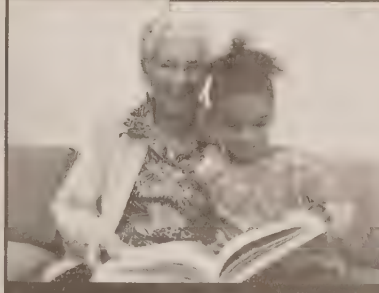
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into the Lexus RX 330 sport utility
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diesel engines and its transmis-
sions, like the new six-speed, like
the developing with Ford, and
variable transmissions.

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IN SPITE OF the sleek lines, the interior of the 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution has a high roofline providing plenty of headroom and the legroom in the rear seat is more than adequate — for a compact sedan.

2003 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution loaded with fun

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

There's a three-letter word to describe the 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution: Fun. To summarize my experience driving this vehicle requires only three words: Lots of fun! The Evolution is a five-passenger, four-door sedan intended for high-speed driving. The telltale sign is the unusual appearance of the spoiler on the rear deck.

However, those who have followed the chronology of the Lancer Evolution already know the purpose of this car.

The Evolution dates back to 1992 when Mitsubishi introduced the Lancer Evolution I. It was a lightweight compact four-door turbo-charged sedan with all-wheel drive that replaced the Galant rally sedan. The Evolution ran circles around the heavy Galant because the engine power didn't have to pull as much weight.

Mitsubishi kept improving each new Evolution and in a 10-year period — the new one is Evolution 8 — with each vehicle outperforming its predecessor. The new model, for example, now has 17-inch alu-

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

minum wheels that are 8 inches wide. And that's just the beginning of the improvements.

Some sports cars compromise the suspension systems for the comfort of the passengers but that's not the case with the Evolution. It uses high-strength aluminum with ball linkage for quick response and performance. The front coil

spring rate has rapid response and uses larger ball joints than on previous models.

The rear suspension also is tuned with competition-type, multi-link design plus numerous other features that provide great handling and stability. The down side, of course, is the harsh bouncy ride when driving under normal driving conditions.

Most of my test-drive was on a winding racetrack which was conducive to high-performance driving. And that's where the fun began. While on the track, I wasn't able

to run through the transmission to fifth gear; I either downshifted to second gear or up-shifted into third. The leather-wrapped small steering wheel had quick ratio power-assisted, rack-and-pinion steering.

The track allowed for braking into the apex of each turn and out again. Shifting the short-throw transmission was very easy and the immediate acceleration created by the lightweight turbo-charged engine was unbelievable.

The Evolution's power is

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More. That's what new-vehicle shoppers can expect in 2004 models that will be showing up in dealerships this year. More flexibility. More utility. More performance. More nifty features.

Pickup trucks and even sports cars are going to be more flexible and easier to enter and exit. To provide that flexibility, one thing that manufacturers have done is to target doors.

The King Cab version of Nissan's new full-size Titan pickup truck has a "Wide-Open" rear-hinged rear door that swings open nearly 180 degrees, so that it rests against the pickup truck bed.

Along with making it easier to enter and exit the rear seat, the Wide-Open door means not getting trapped behind, and having to maneuver around, partially opened doors.

Mazda's RX-8 four-door sports car has no center B pillar and features a "freestyle" door system with front and rear doors that open from the center, allowing easy entry and exit. Front doors are fully open at a hinge angle of about 70 degrees, and rear doors at about 85 degrees.

Nissan is boasting the widest-opening sliding door in its class for the new Quest minivan. Quest's sliding-door openings measure 33.8 inches — over 6 inches longer than the previous generation.

More horsepower and performance are on tap for consumers who care about getting there ahead of everyone else and having fun doing it. Manufacturers are not only offering more horsepower, but six-speed manual transmissions as either standard or optional.

Subaru is advertising its Impreza WRX STI — with 300 horsepower compared to the 227-hp WRX — as the most powerful Subaru ever offered in North America. The Volkswagen Golf R32, the most powerful Golf ever, has a six-speed manual, as does the new BMW Z4 roadster, the new Nissan Maxima and Acura's new TSX sports sedan.

There is more power on the luxury end, too, with the 500-horsepower Bentley Continental GT coupe, the 543-hp Maybach "luxury jet for the road," the 493-hp Mercedes-Benz SL600 roadster, and the 400-horsepower Jaguar XJ luxury flagship.

Everything is bigger for the 2004 models as well. The Toyota Sienna's interior volume has increased by more is 44 cubic

CHERYL JENSEN
Down the Road

feet. Nissan is saying that its new Quest is the roomiest in the front-wheel drive minivan segment.

Ford's new F-150 has more spacious cabs. Its Regular Cab and SuperCab models have a passenger compartment that is 6 inches longer, and Regular Cab models feature new rear access doors that open up 13 inches of storage behind the seat.

The extended version of the Malibu sedan, the hatchback Malibu Maxx, has a great deal of flexibility built into its larger interior. Its wheelbase is 6 inches longer than the sedan's, allowing for greater versatility and flexibility in the rear compartment. Rear seats have 7 inches of travel for trading off trunk space for passenger space.

Two new minivans will offer even more flexibility. The new Toyota Sienna's third-row bench seat can be stowed into a well for a flat floor, and its 60/40 split makes it very easy to stow each side separately. Nissan's Quest features second- and third-row seats that fold flat, which means never having to remove its seats.

Rear seats will be more entertaining, too. The ultraluxury Maybach has a center console for the rear seats that houses a DVD player, but so will the much more affordable Malibu Maxx sedan and everything in between: the Cadillac SRX, the Quest and Sienna.

Automakers also are offering consumers more sky this year. In particular, Nissan is debuting its new "Skyview" roof glass panel system in the Quest minivan and Maxima sedan.

On the new Maxima, the Skyview Roof is a single elongated glass panel from the front of the roof to the back. On the Quest it takes the form of four glass roof windows for the second and third rows, along with the sunroof in front.

Also, Cadillac's new SRX sport utility/crossover vehicle has Cadillac's "UltraView" roof, which provides 5 square feet of open-air over the front and second-row. Vehicles with a third-row seat are available with "UltraView Plus," which includes a vented glass panel over the rear row, opening a total of 7 square feet of sky.

sions of the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra into commercial fleets. Consumers will be able to buy them next year.

In 2007, GM will offer hybrid versions of its large sport utility vehicles, such as the Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon, based on its full-size truck platform. The hybrid systems on both the utilities and trucks will add Displacement-on-Demand.

"We get a two-for with the full-size trucks," said Stephens. "They are high consumption and high volume."

In late 2005, an advanced hybrid system will debut in the Saturn VUE. It will combine the power of a four-cylinder engine with twin electric motors for fuel efficiency and increased torque for fuel economy gains of up to 50 percent to nearly 40 miles per gallon, along with improved acceleration.

The VUE hybrid also will carry the super low emissions rating. In 2006, GM will offer the same hybrid option and other fuel-saving technologies on the Chevrolet Equinox sport utility.

In 2007, GM moves hybrid technology to its huge mid-size car line based on GM's Epulsion architecture, beginning with the Chevrolet Malibu, with other models to follow.

"If hybrids resonate with customers, we'll have the ability to feed even more hybrid models into the market based on our high-volume architectures," said Stephens.

Along the way, GM will introduce other technologies that complement hybrids, and hybrids will help GM in its development of fuel cells.

"We've demonstrated fuel cells work, but the challenge is their high costs," said Stephens. "Fuel cells use many technologies — electric motors, electronic control systems — on hybrids."

"Hybrids will advance our knowledge and help us cut the costs."

rear seat is more than adequate — for a compact sedan.

The driver's seat has sufficient manual control for a person of just about any proportion to find a comfortable position. With a low dash panel visibility is excellent.

A large tachometer, which is an important instrument when pushing an engine to extremes, commands center stage on the instrument panel. The center console is attractive, consisting of control for the climate and sound systems.

However, even though this is a \$29,000 vehicle, there is nothing that suggests luxury in its content.

But luxurious appointments shouldn't be expected. The name of the game for the Evolution is "fun" and that's exactly what this car offers.



THE POWER SHOT SYSTEM tire-inflation includes the tank, handle, and basic valve. The heavy-duty inflation gauge are optional. The unit's compact size allows it to be stored in storage compartments in the tow rig's cargo

Portable pressure for safe tire inflation

BY JEFF JOHNSTON
MOTOR MATTERS

Proper tire inflation is one of the most important parts of any RV's maintenance program. Tires that run low on air pressure can go flat via blowout, and that can lead to serious highway accidents.

While the portable air compressors available today can help maintain tire pressure for traveling RVers, they often fail when needed most. The all-new Power Shot systems can provide what may well be the best source of portable tire inflation pressure ever available.

The Power Shot is a product of Advanced Air Systems Inc., and it's an RV accessory that's well worth its cost, which is higher than the average portable 12-volt-DC air compressor. It consists of a small compressed-gas cylinder topped by a shut-off valve with a fill valve and a quick-disconnect hose fitting.

A handle that doubles as a protective ring shield for the valve is clamped to the neck of the tank. The setup looks much like a scuba diver's air tank.

The difference with the Power Shot is that it doesn't use compressed air to inflate the tires. Instead, the user fills the tank with liquid carbon dioxide, or CO₂, which is available at any commercial gas supplier or fire extinguisher service center.

As the CO₂ vaporizes it pressurizes the tank to approximately 150 psi, which is way more than enough to inflate virtually any tow vehicle, trailer or motorhome tire in use today.

Using the Power Shot is easy and reliable. The operator simply cranks open the shutoff valve, attaches the air chuck to the valve stem, observes the tire pressure indicated on the dial gauge readout and in-

flates the tire to the desired pressure.

Unlike an air compressor, no external power supply is needed and there are no tiny electric motors or pumps to burn out or fail. There is no level gauge to tell the user how much CO₂ remains in the tank.

The manufacturer supplies a small handheld scale, and based on the Power Shot's weight, the user can judge how much CO₂ is left. The tank's pressure output remains constant as long as some CO₂ is in the tank.

Beyond the basic tank, the equipment setup and air hose options become a bit complicated. The Power Shot system starts with the basic PS-10 large size tank, at \$289 with a standard coiled hose and air chuck. If fitted with the optional heavy-duty TIG-60/CO inflator with dial gauge and clip-on air chuck, the additional cost is \$45.

The company offers three tank sizes — small, large and extra-large. Each size produces the same pressure and uses the same inflation hardware and accessories, but each tank produces a different volume of pressurized CO₂. The manufacturer supplies charts that detail which tank is a good fit for a specific vehicle's application.

In general, the smallest tank is good for standard tow vehicles and trailer, the medium tank can handle the larger light truck and small motorhome tires and the largest tank is best suited for large motorhome tires.

As an example of the Power Shot's performance, the manufacturer says a large size system can top-off a 22.5-inch motorhome tire from 90 to 105 psi as many as 12 to 16 times before recharging. A light truck tire such as a 235/85R16 can be taken from zero to 80 psi in about three minutes.

Although even the smallest tank will pressurize the largest motorhome tire suc-

cessfully, the larger tanks have the capacity to do so repeatedly.

Combined with a pump, the Power Shot also available from Advanced Air Systems Inc., 2214 Gateway RH, Elk Grove, CA 95758; 916/436-1111; www.power-tank.com

Using CO₂ in a tire won't accelerate its aging process.

For complete information, contact Power Shot product line, contact Air Systems Inc., 2214 Gateway RH, Elk Grove, CA 95758; 916/436-1111; www.power-tank.com

There are a lot of RV accessories competing for your aftermarket. Given the importance of inflation for safe driving, the Power Shot may be one of the best technical items you'll ever buy for your RV.

Freewheeling

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which shift at optimum times instead of at set points.

GM also will introduce energy-saving technologies, such as Displacement-on-Demand, which debuts on 2005 models and saves fuel by using only some of the engine's cylinders during certain driving conditions. GM believes hydrogen fuel cells are "the ultimate answer" to reducing oil consumption and emissions in the long term.

In the interim, GM will roll out hybrid models over the coming years. They will bridge the gap between internal combustion engines and fuel cells.

"We'll offer consumers three different hybrid propulsion systems on three vehicle architectures, representing more than a dozen of our most popular models," GM Chairman Rick Wagoner said. "If consumers were to select the hybrid option on all of the models included in our multi-year plan, it could eventually exceed 1 million vehicles."

Instead of focusing on small vehicles only, "GM wants a hybrid portfolio breadth unmatched by any other company and that has a bigger impact on the environment by focusing on high-fuel-consuming and high-volume models," said Thomas Stephens, GM's group vice president for global powertrains.

GM has started with high-fuel-consuming buses. Hybrid buses are running test pilot programs in two U.S. cities.

"If you replaced the 13,000 buses used in nine U.S. cities you'd save 40 million gallons of fuel a year," explained Stephens. "It would take a half-million small hybrids, like the Toyota Prius and Honda Insight, to accomplish that."

In the fall, GM will introduce hybrid ver-

Keane

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unbelievable because it only has a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine.

Although the speedometer indicates a top reading of 160 mph, I was not able to reach top speed, because this was not a banked oval track; it was a series of left and right tight or wide turns, which provided the ultimate in driving pleasure.

Unibody construction is another reason I enjoyed the Evolution so much. This car has an excellent aerodynamic body consisting of lightweight sheet metal.

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Auto QnA

from the PCM's memory, or after the battery has been disconnected. Does that mean that when you replace your battery yourself, the average guy/gal will have to find a way to do the OBDII drive cycle? If so, why hasn't that been publicized? Could a repair shop when flushing the transmission or doing another repair have neglected to do this? How do you know before you have the emission check that the car isn't ready?

Joy Garrison, Seattle

A A growing number of states now require a scan of a 1996 and newer vehicle's inspection/maintenance readiness status as part of, or in lieu of an emissions inspection.

What is I/M readiness? Since 1996 all cars and light trucks have been equipped with OBD-II (On-board Diagnostics generation II). OBD-II is a monitoring/testing system capable of identifying a wide variety of emissions faults. Each time the vehicle is driven, the PCM (powertrain control module) runs a series of tests (monitors) on components, circuits and systems.

Each monitor — there are approximately seven of them — requires specific conditions in order

to run, such as ambient and engine temperature, vehicle speed, engine load or fuel quantity.

Because of the strict enable criteria for the monitors, it might take days, weeks or longer before the right sequence of events occurs.

Any time the battery is disconnected or diagnostic trouble codes are cleared, monitors are erased, and the system must rebuild readiness status.

Also, if system faults are present, certain monitors will not be able to reach completion.

How can one be sure their monitors are all completed? Unfortunately the only way to do so is to hook up a diagnostic scan tool.

If you drive your vehicle under

a variety of operating conditions, and it has been some time since the last service (battery disconnect or check engine light problem), there should be little to worry about. For others, operating the vehicle in a specific pattern (an OBD-II drive cycle) is the best way to ensure readiness.

Here's GM's recommended drive cycle, in a nutshell, although finding the right place to do this is difficult: cold start (engine below 122 degrees and within 11 degrees of ambient temperature); idle for 2 1/2 minutes with A/C and rear defrost on; accelerate at half throttle to 55 mph with A/C off; run at a steady speed of 55 mph for three minutes; coast down (no brakes or

clutch depressed) to 20 mph (remain in high gear); accelerate at 3/4 throttle to 55-60 mph, hold this speed for five minutes; coast to below 20 mph (no brakes or clutch); idle 30 seconds.

Some final advice: When the battery must be disconnected for vehicle service, a "memory-saver" tool (a 9-volt battery connected to the cigarette lighter socket) will preserve PCM memory.

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Flat tire mars first ride in restored Austin Healey

MOTOR MATTERS
It wasn't until after Dean Turner had restored and sold an MG and a Jaguar that he turned his attention to an Austin Healey.

The retired IBM engineer had seen a few Austin Healey sports cars at various car shows and was impressed by their beauty. He began looking for a good, solid car in 1996.

In July 1997, Turner saw an ad offering a 1967 Austin Healey model 3000 Mark III for sale. A telephone call provided enough additional information to pique his interest.

July 22 came on a Sunday in 1997. Coincidentally, that was the wedding anniversary of Turner and his wife, Sue. Turner graciously suggested to his wife that they take a leisurely, scenic drive concluding with a fine anniversary dinner.

Their excursion just happened to take them near the location of the Austin Healey. Since they were there anyway, why not stop to inspect the car?

While Turner inspected the Austin Healey, his wife patiently waited in their car. Turner returned and asked his wife if she had brought her checkbook. He wrote a check for the deposit to hold the car for a week until he could return to claim his prize.

A week later Turner returned to finalize the deal. He drove the well-worn car — with a bit more than

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85,000 on the odometer — home. Disassembly began almost immediately.

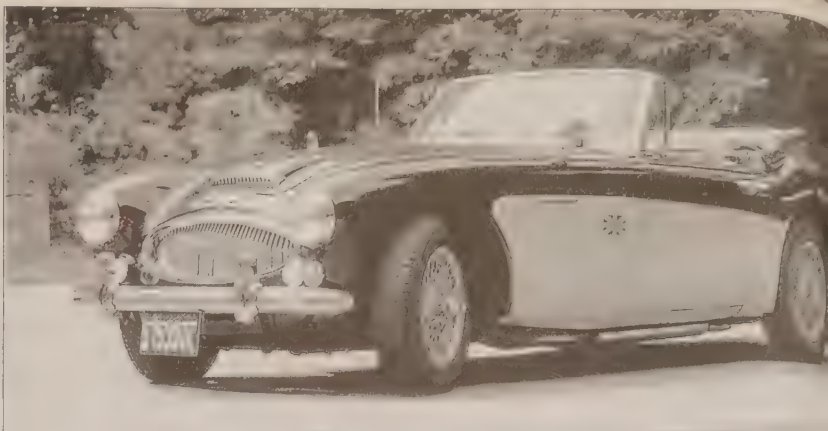
Research indicates that Turner is the third owner of the low-slung car. The Austin Healey had left the factory in England wearing a shiny coat of British Racing Green, but Turner early on decided his Austin Healey would be black with a silver gray inset panel on the sides.

To complement the exterior colors Turner wanted a gray leather interior with black piping. Unfortunately, the previous owner had reupholstered the car with beige leather to go with the green exterior.

Turner, with no hope of a nibble, decided to offer on the Internet his beige leather upholstery. To his surprise a Wisconsin man responded with a request for pictures.

The inquirer also was restoring a similar car and was painting it British Racing Green and a beige interior would be perfect. Turner sold him the upholstered interior in exchange for his unupholstered seat frames — so Turner could cover them in leather using the color of his choosing.

The silver 72-spoke wire wheels are powder-coated and shod with



IN RESTORING THIS 1967 Austin Healey, owner auctioned off beige leather upholstery to replace it with gray leather to complement new exterior paint.

15-inch tires. Turner has replaced the single, door-mounted mirror with a pair of more user-friendly, fender-mounted mirrors.

"I didn't have to do anything with the four-speed transmission," he said. The 177.7-cubic-inch, in-line, six-cylinder engine, however, had one valve that kept sticking. With that problem addressed, the 148-horsepower output was restored.

A functional hood scoop is visible through the curved windshield. The glass is kept clear by electric wipers.

Inside the car, Turner restored the two burl walnut panels that

make up either end of the dashboard.

The three-spoke steering wheel is wood. Directly in front of the driver is a 140 mph speedometer.

In the center panel of the dashboard near the AM/shortwave radio are four toggle switches controlling the electric overdrive, wipers, instrument panel lights and headlights.

Other than the gray dashboard and gray leather upholstery the interior is all black including the carpet, tonneau, top and boot. One of the more difficult tasks was removing the chips and dents caused by

gravel hitting the vertical stainless-steel grille teeth.

"There are 47 grille teeth," Turner explains, "each one secured by four rivets." He had to drill out each rivet, sand and grind away the imperfections, polish the luster back and re-rivet the part in place.

After almost five years the car was completed in June 2002, just in time for the 50th anniversary of Austin Healey.

Turner filled the 14-gallon gas tank, and he and his wife went for a much anticipated drive. They had gone five miles when the left rear tire went flat.

Because Turner had the tire-changing tools and changed the tire with his tools.

The knowledge of the biggest single tube had a big impact.

With new tools, subsequent tires were completed without incident.

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This auto pique your interest

Small car leader: Nissan Sentra remains a leader in the small-car market featuring styling, advanced option packages and new exterior colors.

For 2003, Nissan continues to refine the fifth-generation Sentra sedan with a new Sentra 2.5 Limited Edition package and other equipment changes. Sentra is available in five versions.

Sentras are powered by either a 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine producing 126 horsepower or a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine producing 165 horsepower.

Used car bargains: Since 2000, sales of certified used vehicles have increased 46 percent, according to a recent J.D. Power

study. Adding to the value of used vehicles, especially those that are certified, is the fact there are just so many of them.

About 100,000 trade-ins or vehicles coming off leases are flowing into the marketplace each month, according to Paul Taylor, chief economist at the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Click it or ticket: Some TV shows featuring police officers in conversation while riding in a squad car often show them seated with their seat belts unfastened.

Even if these scenes were made in a studio, the producers and directors of these shows might consider setting better examples by having their actors buckle up.

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Motor Matters

Booze on the rise: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated that 17,448 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes in 2001, representing 41 percent of all highway deaths.

Government statistics show the annual number of alcohol-related traffic deaths dropped steadily from 1982 to 1993, falling from more than 26,000 to about 17,900.

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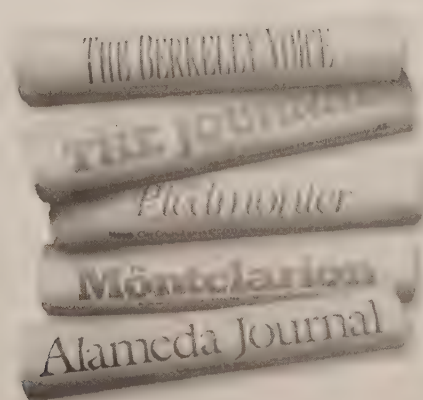
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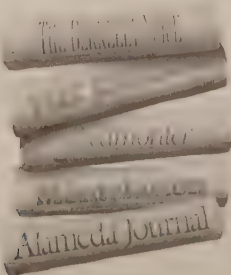
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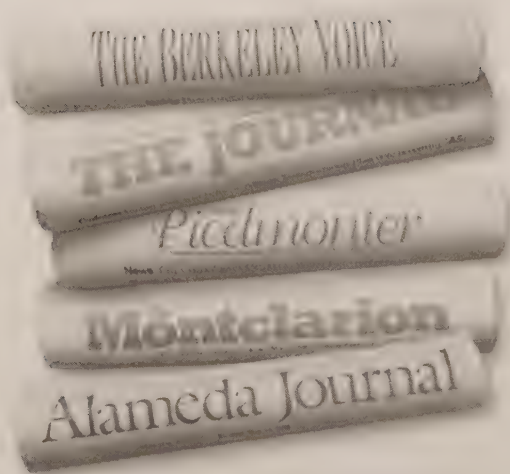
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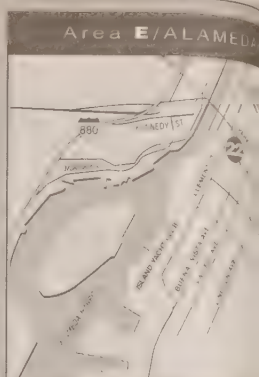
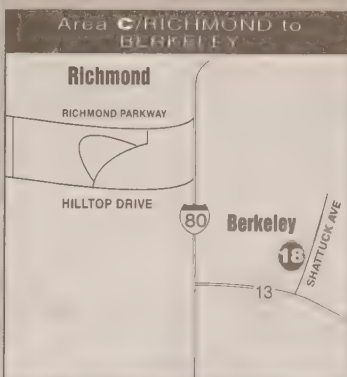
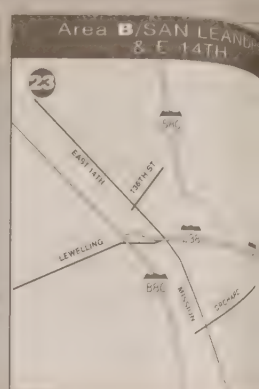
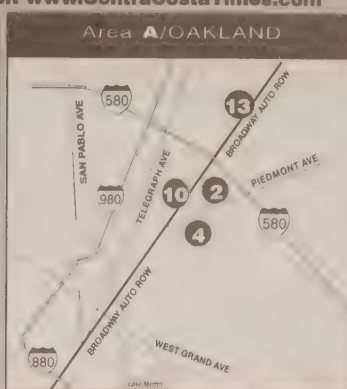
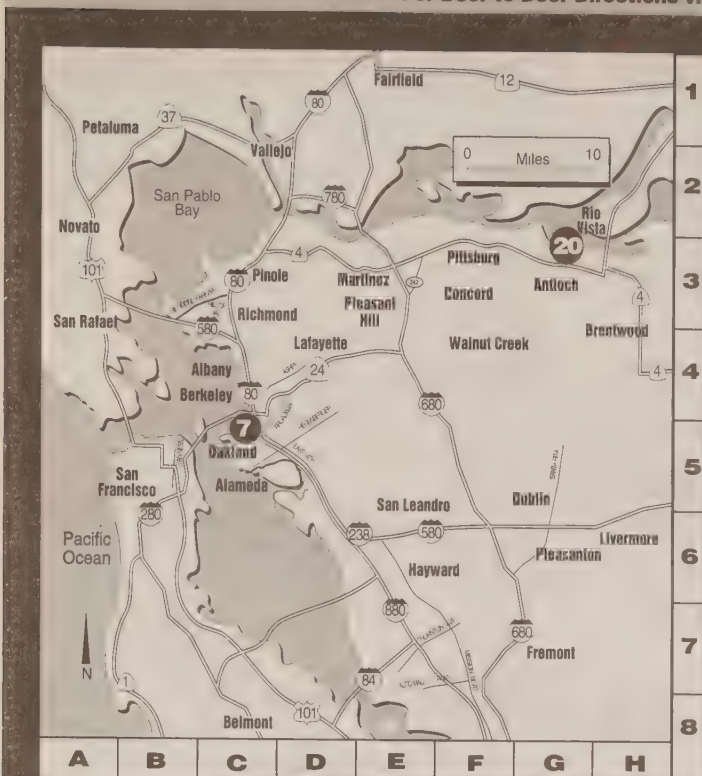
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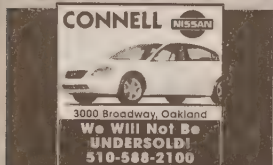
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Hot scones and jam?

BY KRISTIN EDDY

...kind of rain, of course, when you'd just as soon let it rain a little longer, write let a good book by the fire, and tea with hot scones and jam out the streaked window with complacency."

"England For All Seasons," Susan Allen Toth

...gummy scene that is, especially the part about the hot jam. Those British quick breads will forever be a part of the ritual, an hour when it's best to slow down, relax and take in a little sustenance after the demands of a busy day.

...British probably never happened, though, is the fact that American bakers have taken the scone and generally turned it into a monstrous triangle, jammed with dried fruits, nuts, chips and spices and served up to prop up the leg on a tea table. With some scones topped with a glaze and the cinnamon ver-

...famous chain clocking in at more than 500 calories — the danger of becoming just another overwrought pastry.

...are huge here," agrees Cracraft, vice consul for the British Consulate in New York. "My mother always made scones with a cookie cutter; they were a maximum of about 2 inches in diameter."

...fair, there are so many variations on scones, even in the United Kingdom, that it is difficult to claim a single recipe.

...born food writer Elizabeth Warren, author of "Biscuits and Scones," ran into the same problem while doing research for the book.

...into my mother's recipe book, trying to come up with the perfect scone," said Alston of

her Scottish mother. "But it appeared that there were different ones for different occasions: plain, with very little fat and no currants; a richer scone made with lots of butter for tea parties. Even Irish soda bread is a sort of scone."

But it is still safe to give a scone certain parameters. Scones are meant to be a snack, a quick bread with just enough satisfying bites to help bridge lunch and dinner. Because scones are often part of a formal tea, in which small sandwiches and little pastries are also offered, any scone that dwarfs your palm should be considered a pushy interloper on the tray.

Think lightness and tenderness, the way Southern bakers give their breakfast biscuits such a gentle touch.

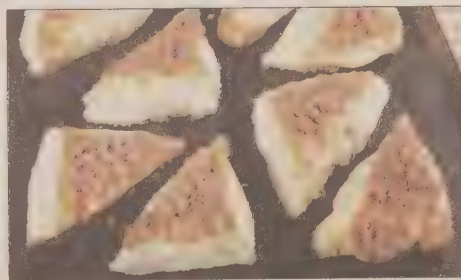
Raisins and currants are lovely additions, but wizened blueberries and hunks of dried apricot tend to go over the line. Sweet spices are nice, if used judiciously, and savory scones, containing cheese and even bacon, can be a fine alternative, as long as they don't start to resemble a Grand Slam Breakfast at Denny's.

Cracraft argues in favor of plain scones. "They are really a vehicle for clotted cream and good, fresh fruit preserves, not a pastry in and of themselves," she said.

Scones evolved into an elegant treat, lavishly spread with butter, jam and thick, spreadable clotted cream, also called Devonshire cream. But the earliest recipes were far humbler. The tea bread started out as a plain, hearth-cooked quick bread — a specialty of Scottish homes in the 15th century, according to "A Feast of Scotland," by Janet Warren. Made of leavened barley flour and oatmeal, these shortcakes were baked in cast-iron pans.

Dried fruit and spices became

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Scone

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part of the recipes, but only in wealthy homes that could afford such costly imported ingredients.

"Perhaps this is why so much of the classic Scottish baking consists of the simplest of recipes," Warren writes. "What could be more delicious than the plainest but lightest of scones or drop scones?"

Baking expert Flo Braker says the shortcomings of many commercial scones can be blamed on technique.

"The reason so many of the scones get so heavy is because of how they are made," said the California-based writer and cooking teacher. "When you start using a large machine you don't get the same quality. It can alter the temperature of the fat; it needs to be cold. That's what helps give scones their lightness."

A good scone is closer to a shortcake biscuit, leaning toward a cakey, rather than flaky, texture — the latter the sign of a great breakfast biscuit — and contains more sugar than a breakfast biscuit would. Another difference is that while biscuits make their appearance in America at main meals, particularly in the morning, a British

scone is served at teatime. You won't find a scone hiding under a blanket of sausage gravy.

One last detail, if we may: Pretty much everyone, in this country at least, gets the pronunciation wrong: the English rhyme it with "gone," not "bone."

Is any of this terribly important? If there is any time of year when a good cup of tea, heartened by a plate of warm scones, is welcome, it is well under way. Try some of the recipes here, or simply luxuriate at a hotel tea where they serve scones worthy of the name.

There's no reason not to embrace tradition, particularly when it is buttered or topped with cream or jam.

The recipes

Here is a tender scone, studded with raisins, from one of the most famous hotels in London. Their elegant teas include this recipe, adapted from "Taking Tea at the Savoy."

SAVOY RAISIN SCONES

2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
5 tablespoons each: sugar, unsalted butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup milk
1/2 cup golden raisins
1 egg, lightly beaten

1. Sift the flour and baking powder together into the container of a food processor with the metal blade in place; add sugar and butter. Pulse until mixture resembles fine crumbs, about 30 pulses. Place the flour mixture in a medium bowl. Make a well in the center; add the milk and raisins. Gently stir, being careful not to overmix.

2. Place dough on lightly floured surface; knead lightly 2 or 3 times. Roll dough to 3/8-inch thickness. Cut out scones with a 2 1/2-inch round cookie cutter. Leftover dough scraps can be re-rolled for cutting. Place rounds on a greased baking sheet; brush egg on tops with pastry brush. Let stand 15 minutes. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Bake scones until lightly browned, 15 minutes. Serve warm.

Preparation time: 20 minutes, standing time: 15 minutes, cooking time: 30 minutes. Makes 12 scones.

This particular recipe doesn't resemble anything you think of as a scone — it comes out more like a potato pancake — but it has traditional origins in Scotland. Warm leftover mashed potatoes work well in this recipe, adapted from "A Taste of Scotland."

POTATO SCONES

2 cups warm mashed potatoes
3 tablespoons melted butter or bacon fat

2/3 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Butter, honey or pancake syrup
1. Blend the potatoes with the butter or bacon fat in a mixing bowl. Stir in as much of the flour as the potatoes will take without becoming too dry. Turn out on a floured surface; roll to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into circles; prick tops with a fork.

2. Heat a greased cast-iron griddle or skillet over medium-high heat. Cook scones until brown on one side, about 5 minutes. Turn; cook to brown other side, 5 minutes. Serve warm with butter, honey or syrup.

Preparation time: 20 minutes, cooking time: 10 minutes per batch. Makes 18 scones.

Here is a scone that blends cake and bread flours for a light but sturdy tea cake. It's adapted from a recipe by chef Gerhard Doll of the Peninsula Hotel, Chicago.

CINNAMON CRUMBLE SCONES

Scones:
1 stick (1/2 cup) plus 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup sugar
3 cups cake flour
2 1/2 cups bread flour
5 teaspoons baking powder
1 1/2 cups whipping cream
Glaze:

1/4 cup whipping cream
1 egg, beaten
Cinnamon crumbles:
1/4 cup each: unsalted butter, all-purpose flour, sugar

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. For scones, place the butter and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer; beat until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Sift together the flours and baking powder; mix into butter-sugar mixture. Add cream; mix just until dough forms; do not overmix.

2. Roll dough into an 8-by-8-inch square. Cut dough into 12 equal squares; cut to form 24 triangles. Place scones on greased or parchment-lined baking sheets; set aside. For glaze, beat together the cream and eggs; brush over tops of scones with pastry brush.

3. For cinnamon crumbles, mix the butter, flour, sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl with a fork; sprinkle over tops of scones. Bake until golden brown, about 18 minutes.

Preparation time: 35 minutes, cooking time: 18 minutes. Makes 24 scones.

A savory scone is just as welcome at the tea table as one sweetened with sugar and dried fruit. This recipe, developed in the Chicago Tribune test kitchen, features tangy cheddar cheese and a slight bite from ground red pep-

per and mustard
CHEESE SCONES:
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter
1/4 teaspoon each: pepper, ground mustard
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons cheddar cheese

1. Sift together the flour and salt with a food processor with the metal blade in place; add butter. Pulse until mixture resembles fine crumbs, about 30 pulses. Place the flour mixture in a medium bowl. Make a well in the center; add the milk and raisins. Gently stir, being careful not to overmix.

2. Place dough on lightly floured surface; knead lightly 2 or 3 times. Roll dough to 3/8-inch thickness. Cut out scones with a 2 1/2-inch round cookie cutter. Leftover dough scraps can be re-rolled for cutting.

3. Melt remaining butter; brush over tops of scones. Bake until golden, about 18 minutes. Preparation time: 10 minutes, cooking time: 18 minutes.

Pecan-crusted tilapia — quick and easy

BY SUSAN SELASKY
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Tilapia (tuh-LAH-pee-uh), an aquacultured fish, takes well to many methods of cooking from baking to broiling and steaming. Here it's pan-sautéed with a pecan crust. Any firm white fish fillet is ideal for this recipe.

For intense nutty flavor, toast the chopped pecans before mixing them with the bread crumbs. Serve the fish with rice and cole slaw, or with cheese grits and sautéed greens.

PECAN-CRUSTED TILAPIA

1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
2 tablespoons finely chopped

pecans

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 (6-ounce) tilapia or red snapper fillets, rinsed, patted dry

1. tablespoon vegetable oil, divided
4 lemon wedges
In a shallow dish, combine the bread crumbs, pecans, salt, garlic powder and black pepper.

In a medium bowl, combine the buttermilk and hot sauce. Place the flour in a shallow dish. Dredge one tilapia fillet in flour,

then dip it in the buttermilk mixture and, finally dredge, it in the bread crumb mixture.

Repeat the procedure with remaining fillets.

In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1-1/2 teaspoons of the oil over medium-high heat. Add two fillets; cook them 3 minutes on each side or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Repeat with the remaining oil and fillets. Serve with lemon wedges.

Makes 4 servings.
From *Cooking Light* magazine, January/February 2003 issue.
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Scone shortcuts

BY KRISTIN EDDY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Chicago Tribune food staff sampled several mixes and found three winners for scones you could serve with pride to company.

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ability) or call Garvey's Best of Britain, 425-641-0232.

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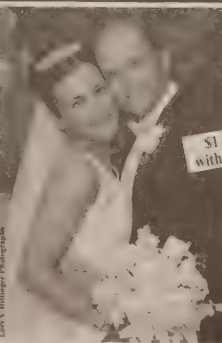
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... Saturdays is more a chicken
... than stock though he does

Clean and cut both chicken fryers into pieces. Remove breast meat from bones and place breasts in refrigerator for use later. Other pieces go into a 10- to 12-quart boiling pot. Add water and bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. As chicken comes to a boil, remove foam. This foam

Note: Defatted broth can be refrigerated for up to three days. At that point it can be brought back to a boil for 3 to 4 minutes and saved again for a couple of days more without freezing. Remove the solidified fat after it cools. This can be repeated a couple more times over a period of about 10 days without freezing the

After the carrots (and onion) have cooked for about 5 minutes, stir in the chicken, black and red peppers. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes. At this point you have to taste to decide whether to add the salt. If you used a con-

Place fryer, water, barley, thyme, bay leaves, cloves, onion, celery and bouillon in a large soup pot. Bring

Tips on making chicken

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Tips help translate stovetop recipes for use in Crock Pots and their kin

BY DONNA PIERCE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q: I'm looking for a beef stew or hearty soup recipe that is suitable for a slow cooker. — Greg Eschridge, Chicago

A: Most recipes for stews and soups can be adapted for use in a slow cooker. It is best, of course, to begin with recipes provided in the instruction booklet that came with the cooker. Or try Web sites with recipes from manufacturers such as Rival (www.crockpot.com), Hamilton Beach (www.hamiltonbeach.com), Proctor Silex (proctorsilex.com) and Westbend (westbend.com).

But if you have a favorite recipe you want to adapt, here are some basic tips:

- Look for recipes calling for similar quantities of meat and vegetables.
- Reduce the amount of liquid.

Because slow-cooked dishes don't lose liquid, you won't need as much as you would for stovetop or oven cooking. Use the amount with which you would like to finish—usually half the amount of liquid called for in a traditional recipe.

■ Cut dense root vegetables, such as potatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes and turnips, into pieces no larger than 1 inch.

■ Because long cooking can diminish the flavor of herbs and spices, it's best to save some to add near the end of the cooking time.

In "Slow Cooker Cooking," Lora Brody advises checking doneness with a knife: does it pierce the food easily? Are the meat, fish or poultry pieces cooked through? And always taste for seasoning before serving, she writes.

This recipe was developed in the Tribune test kitchen.

SLOW-COOKED BEEF STEW WITH SWEET POTATO AND THYME

- 2 ½ pounds beef chuck roast, cut into ¾-inch pieces
- 2 potatoes, cut in ¾-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 sweet potato, cut into ¾-inch pieces
- 1 carrot, cut into ¾-inch pieces
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (14 ½ ounces) beef broth
- 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 4 sprigs each: fresh thyme, parsley
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves

1. Combine beef, potatoes, garlic, sweet potato, carrot, onion, tomatoes, broth, tapioca, Worcestershire, salt and pepper in a slow cooker.

2. Tie herb sprigs and bay leaves together with kitchen string. Add to slow cooker. Cook covered 6 hours on high setting or 8 hours on low setting. Remove tied herbs. Stir in chopped parsley and thyme leaves. Adjust seasoning if necessary.

Preparation time: 20 minutes, **cooking time:** 6 hours, **makes** 6 servings

Q: Please tell me where to find the following items: edible gold, edible flowers and edible glitter. — D. Ann Jones, Chicago

A: FDA restrictions prohibit the sale of edible gold, also known as varak, described by Sharon Tyler Herbst in "The New Food Lover's

Companion" as gossamer-thin sheets of pure silver or gold that are popular decorations in India for special-occasion desserts, confections, nuts and rice dishes.

Gold-colored, edible glitter is available, though, because it's not made from real gold. Lois Levine, test kitchen director at Wilton Enterprises, says the company offers glitter made from granular gum arabic (derived from trees) in 10 colors. It's available through cooking supply and craft stores, such as Michaels craft stores, where Wilton products are sold. Find more information at www.wilton.com.

As for edible flowers, nasturtiums, chive blossoms, pansies, violas, lavender, daisies and violets are among many edible flowers safe to use as garnishes or ingre-

dients. To avoid flowers that have been sprayed with pesticides, select those intended for eating to ensure they are clearly marked as such.

Edible flowers are also available at some Whole Foods, and other markets.

Note that some people are allergic to flowers. Use caution when introducing new flowers to your diet, just as you would with any food, says Sarah H. H. a horticulture educator at the University of Illinois-Champaign extension office. When purchasing flowers, look for information (including a list of flowers) is available at www.urbanext.uiuc.edu.

Nosh on mache

BY WILLIAM RICE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Some years ago, recently arrived in Paris, I followed a tip and went to dine at the Paris terminal for Orly Airport, the Aerogare des Invalides.

My appetizer order, an outsized plate of various hors d'oeuvres, included a seasonal salad of beet, endive and mache (rhymes with posh). The last ingredient was unknown to me, but after only a bite or two, I was in love. It was a revelation, bright green and slightly chewy with velvety smooth leaves and a tart taste that made it far more intriguing than raw spinach.

As for the remainder of the salad,

the beet's soft sweetness was tempered by the bitterness of the crisp endive and a dressing featuring mustard and lemon.

In the years since, I had seldom come across mache until the appearance of a greens mixture called mesclun in markets and restaurants a few years ago.

Mache played a supporting role there, but recently it has turned up at Whole Foods, Trader Joe's and other markets under its own name in 4-ounce packages. It has been cleaned (no small chore) and is ready to use. Here are some suggestions.

MACHE AND HAM SANDWICH

- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 ½ cups mache
- 4 slices ciabatta or another sand-

wich bread

6 thin slices boiled ham (about 3 ounces)

In a medium bowl, combine mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Chop mache medium fine and stir into sauce. Taste and adjust seasoning as desired.

Spread mache mixture on one side of each slice of bread, using all of it. Cut or fold ham slices to fit on two of the bread slices. Cover with the other two slices and cut crosswise to make 4 half sandwiches.

Serve with sweet or sour pickles. Makes 4.

Note: For a fruit and mache sandwich, substitute sliced apple for the ham. Serve open face.

MACHE, BEET AND ENDIVE SALAD

For the salad:
2 medium endive, cut crosswise in ½-inch rings and broken into

pieces

2 small beets (about 2 ounces each) cooked, peeled and diced

2 cups mache

For the vinaigrette:
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Pinch sugar

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

3 tablespoons olive oil

1. In a salad bowl, combine endive, beets and mache. Refrigerate if not serving immediately.

2. In a small bowl, combine mustard, sugar, salt and pepper. Stir in lemon juice, then slowly add oil, stirring constantly, until smooth.

3. Just before serving, toss salad with 3 tablespoons sauce. Taste and add remaining sauce, if desired. Serve on chilled plates.

Makes 3 or 4 servings.

Note: Optional additions: 1/3 cup croutons or walnuts.

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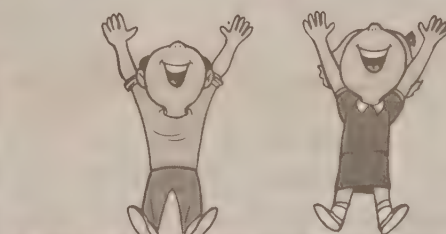
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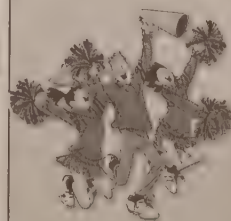
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up eating liver and
I can't get my family to
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I could come up with a
liver recipe that everyone
would like (including
the in-law, Lester, who
will never eat the stuff as
he lives), then I would be
the Caribbean because I
have the magic touch.

liver recipe
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at least peace in my
which may be just as hard
the thing is, no
how perfectly you prepare
who won't like it and a few
I don't even try it.

like a challenge, and we
some converts in your
with this recipe.

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with this recipe.

reason liver needs to come
young animal is because
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a filter for substances that
the body, and it tends to
unwanted chemicals.
words, Keith Richards'
ould open its own pharmacy.
akes sense that the older
mal, the more unwanted

substances in the liver, and these
will give off an unpleasant odor
and make it tough.

Once you have your calf's liver,
the first thing you do is soak it in
milk, which will leach out any im-
purities. Some recipes say to soak
liver in milk for two hours, but I be-
lieve it is better to do it overnight.

The other important point to re-
member is not to overcook calf's
liver.

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shrivels up. And they wonder why
people don't like it. Liver has very
little fat and should be cooked
only until medium rare to keep it
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I hope your family enjoys this
recipe. After we have everyone en-
joying liver, we're going to find a
way to get them all to like the Dal-
las Cowboys.

LISA'S FAMILY FAVORITE LIVER AND ONIONS

8 3-ounce portions of calf's
liver

3 cups milk

4 ounces bacon, cut into 1-by-
1/4-inch pieces

1 medium onion

1 tablespoon fresh sage,
chopped

Salt and freshly ground black
pepper

2 tablespoons white wine

1/2 cup low-sodium chicken
stock

1/4 cup heavy cream

2 cups all-purpose flour, for
dredging

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Good balsamic vinaigrette

Place the liver in a large dish,
cover with milk, and refrigerate
overnight.

In a large skillet, sauté the bac-
on over medium-high heat until
the fat is rendered — about 5 min-
utes.

Remove the bacon from the
skillet.

Drain off all but 1 tablespoon
of the fat and place the skillet over
medium heat.

Add the onion, and cook until
caramelized.

Return the bacon to the skillet
and add the sage, salt, and pep-
per.

Deglaze the skillet with the
wine and cook for 2 minutes, loos-
ening up any brown bits from the
bottom of the pan with a wooden
spoon.

Add the stock and cook until
heated through.

Pour in the cream and reduce
the liquid by 1/3.

Remove the liver from the milk.

Dredge the liver in the flour and
season it with salt and pepper. In
another skillet, heat the olive oil
over medium heat.

Cook the liver for 3 minutes on
each side until medium rare.

Place the liver on plates, and
top with the cream sauce.

Sprinkle with parsley and driz-
zle with the balsamic vinaigrette.

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BY MICHAEL DRESSER
THE BALTIMORE SUN

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Cozy up with a hot drink beside the fire to ward off the chilly days of winter

BY MARILYNN MARTER

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

To make the best of bad conditions or improve upon good ones, make this year to cozy up beside the fire (or your companion, or the TV) during the chilly days ahead with an equally cozy hot drink.

Christopher O'Hara's book "Hot Toddlies: Mulled Wine, Buttered Rum, Spiced Cider, and Other Soul-Warming Winter Drinks" (ClarksonPotter, \$16.95) provides a good selection of those beverages.

Not all the drinks described in the book are heated, but they are comforting and, for the most part, easy to make.

The classic hot toddy, for instance, combines boiling water with liquor and a lemon twist. For a cranberry toddy, simply add a shot of cranberry juice.

Toddies, of course, come with a measure of home-medicine belief in the relief that hot drinks — alcoholic or non — provide for the sniffles.

Known for their curative effects, O'Hara said, hot toddies traditionally eased aches and pains.

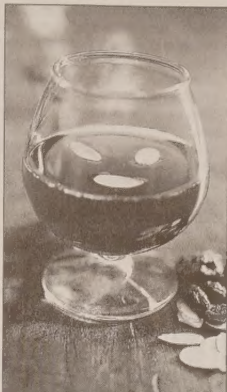
"I've always found that a few hot toddies can clear up a head cold faster than any over-the-counter remedy," he said.

Any brown liquor — bourbon to brandy — can be used to make a toddy, said O'Hara, a fan of the Irish whiskey version.

The Scandinavian drink glogg is "like drinking Christmas itself," O'Hara said. "The best thing about making glogg the old-fashioned way is the theater involved in preparing it, so be sure to invite your guests into the kitchen to watch the pyrotechnics."

In "Holiday Cocktails: A Connoisseur's Guide to Seasonal

Drinks" (Lyons Press, \$18.95), author Elizabeth Wolf-Cohen offers gluhwein. This spiced wine fortified with brandy and rum is the traditional Christmas drink in Germany and Austria.



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THE CLASSIC HOT TODDY combines boiling water with liquor and a lemon twist. Many believe hot toddies cure colds.

"Glasses of this hot, cheering brew are sold from stalls in Christmas markets and town squares," she said.

Sometimes all it takes is a good strong drink, as author David Wondrich notes in "Esquire Drinks: An Opinionated & Irreverent Guide to Drinking" (Hearst, \$24.95) of a libation he describes as a "liquid insulator."

"Whenever the thermometer got sluggish, (the waiter at the old Quatorze bistro in New York) could

be counted on to whip up a batch to help the staff and their pals brave the chill winds."

The drink?

A Sensation, otherwise known as brandied port.

The recipes

HOT TODDY

12 ounces liquor of choice (brandy, bourbon, Scotch or rye)
1/4 cup sugar
3 quarts boiling water
12 strips lemon peel

1. For each drink, put 1 ounce liquor and 1 teaspoon sugar in a mug. Fill mug with boiling water.
2. Twist a lemon peel over the liquid and drop it in.

Makes 12 servings

■ From "Hot Toddlies: Mulled Wine, Buttered Rum, Spiced Cider and Other Soul-Warming Winter Drinks," by Christopher O'Hara (ClarksonPotter, \$16.95).

GLOGG

2 (750-ml) bottles full-bodied dry red wine, such as burgundy
20 cloves
20 cardamom seeds

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
8 ounces sugar cubes
1 (750-ml) bottle aquavit
1/2 cup raisins, for garnish
1/2 cup sliced almonds, for garnish

1. Combine the wine, cloves, cardamom, cinnamon and nutmeg in a large pot over medium heat. Heat until steam rises from the surface and the spices are infused, about 7 minutes.

2. Strain, then transfer half of the mixture to a large bowl.

3. Place a fine-mesh wire rack over the pot and arrange the sugar cubes on top. Pour the aquavit over the cubes, soaking them well.

Standing back, carefully ignite the sugar with a long kitchen match.

Slowly ladle the reserved half of the wine over them until cubes have dissolved.

4. Serve in mugs, garnished with raisins and sliced almonds. Makes 15 servings.

■ From "Hot Toddlies: Mulled Wine, Buttered Rum, Spiced Cider and Other Soul-Warming Drinks," by Christopher O'Hara (ClarksonPotter, \$16.95).

GLUHEIN

1 lemon, cut into 6 slices
18 whole cloves
4 1/2 cups (1.4 liters) red wine
1/2 cup brandy
3 tablespoons dark rum
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
7 cinnamon sticks

1. Spike each lemon slice with 3 cloves. Place slices in a large stainless-steel or enamel-lined saucepan and add the wine, brandy, rum, brown sugar and a cinnamon stick.

2. Slowly heat mixture until it begins to simmer. Remove from heat and let stand at least 20 minutes.

3. To serve, reheat to the simmering point. Remove cinnamon stick.

Ladle into heat-proof punch glasses or goblets, floating a clove-studded lemon slice in each glass.

Garnish each with a fresh cinnamon stick. Makes 6 servings.

■ From "Holiday Cocktails: A Connoisseur's Guide to Seasonal Drinks," by Elizabeth Wolf-Cohen (Lyons Press, \$18.95).

WALNUT HOT CHOCOLATE

1/2 cup milk

1/2 cup heavy (whipping) cream, plus 1 large tablespoon whipped cream
3 tablespoons granulated sugar

2 1/2 ounces high-quality milk chocolate, finely chopped (see note)
2 tablespoons Nocello or other walnut liqueur

Pinch of cocoa powder
1 tablespoon crushed candied walnuts, optional (recipe follows)

1. Combine the milk, heavy cream and sugar in a saucepan over medium heat. Heat until the sugar dissolves and small bubbles form at the edges (do not boil).

2. Put the chocolate into an oversized cup or mug or divide between two regular mugs. Add the liqueur. Pour in the hot milk mixture, stirring to melt the chocolate.

3. Just before serving, spoon the whipped cream on top. Dust with the cocoa powder and, if using, the crushed candied walnuts. Makes 1 serving

■ Caesar Bradley, hot-chocolate sommelier, Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia.

Note: Use chocolate with at least 40 percent cocoa solids, such as Valrhona or Ghirardelli.

CANDIED WALNUTS

2 cups sugar
5 tablespoons water
2 cups (7 ounces) chopped walnuts

1. Combine the sugar and water in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Heat, stirring constantly with

a wooden spoon, until the sugar dissolves. Clean the pan above the mixture with a damp paper towel. Use a pastry brush to remove any sugar crystals that come to a boil.

2. Raise heat to medium. Simmer without stirring until turns golden brown and 320 degrees on a candy thermometer. Stir in the sugar.

3. Remove from the heat. Syrup onto a rimmed sheet lined with parchment. Spread as thin as you can with a knife and let cool completely.

4. Break into 1/2-inch candy, or crush as desired as garnish. Makes about 1 1/2 (about 12 servings)

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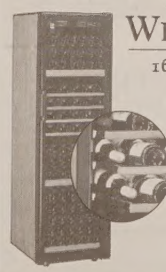
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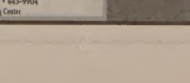
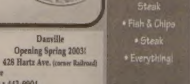
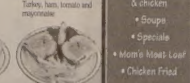
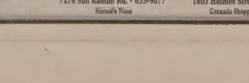
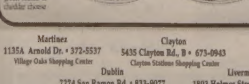
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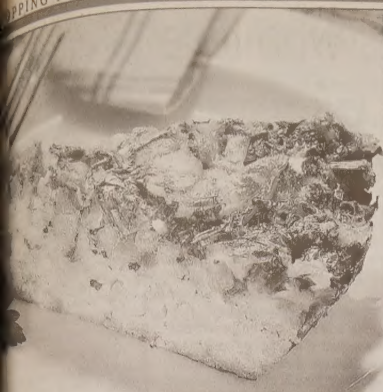
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Shrimp pie tonight

BY DONNA PIERCE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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Menu: Shrimp pie, fresh spinach, French bread, raspberry sorbet, Chardonnay

Tips: Use a food processor to quickly chop the vegetables. Use packaged bread cubes sold for stuffing or make dried bread cubes by toasting bread slices cut into 1/4-inch cubes on a baking sheet in a 225-degree oven.

SHRIMP PIE
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
2 ribs celery, chopped
1/2 teaspoon each: dried thyme, salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 cups dried bread cubes, in 1/4-inch dice
3/4 pound medium shrimp
1 cup corn kernels
1/2 cup shredded Gruyere cheese
4 eggs
1/2 cup each: half-and-half, crushed tomatoes
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Heat oil in heavy skillet over medium heat; cook onion, green pepper and celery in skillet over medium heat until onions soften, about 3 minutes. Season with thyme, salt, pepper; set aside.
2. Line 10-inch greased deep pie pan with bread cubes; top with onion mixture, shrimp, corn and cheese; set aside.
3. Whisk together eggs, half-and-half, tomatoes, parsley and red pepper in a large bowl; pour mixture over ingredients in pie pan.
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Sara Moulton's first cookbook is for home cooks who love to cook

BY DEBRA HALE-SHELTON
FOR A WEEKLY FEATURES

CHICAGO — Professionally, Sara Moulton has spent 25 years in kitchens ranging from the corporate dining room at Gourmet magazine, where she is executive chef, to television studios where cameras and lights are as essential to her job as pots, pans and knives.

So, when the popular host of the TV Food Network's former "Cooking Live" program and now "Sara's Secrets" came out with "Sara Moulton Cooks at Home" last October, some fans were surprised to learn it was her first cookbook.

Moulton, 50, says she had not written a book previously because she had just been too busy. After all, she has three jobs: program host at the Food Network, chef at Gourmet, and food editor at ABC's "Good Morning, America."

She also is the mother of 16-year-old Ruthie and 12-year-old Sam.

So, why now? "I realized I don't know how much longer I'm going to be on TV. Things are going very well," she says, "but I've seen people come and go since I've been there." With that in mind, she says she got to thinking she could probably "sell a few cookbooks."

That she has. Her publisher, Broadway Books, says it does not release sales figures but the book (\$29.95) is doing well. So well that Moulton already is thinking about writing another one.

This first effort, Moulton's collection of more than 200 recipes, accompanying memories and photographs of family and friends, serves as a family cookbook — albeit one written by an expert.

The book includes heirloom recipes from Moulton's New England grandparents (Granny Ruth Moulton's snow pudding, for instance); her Jewish in-laws (Esther Adler's chicken fricassee); and her Southern mentor and friend, cookbook author Jean Anderson (oven-fried chicken).

But the book goes beyond a family cookbook. It includes recipes drawn from Moulton's work at restaurants, at Gourmet and on TV, and from other chefs. The book also offers wine advice from Michael Green, a friend and Gourmet colleague.

According to Moulton, the recipes include those "you can cook up and get onto the table in the midst of a busy week, and slightly more lavish

recipes for weekend entertaining." They range from "rice for the rice impaired" to fontina-and-prosciutto-stuffed wonton ravioli with porcini sauce.

It's a cookbook for home cooks who love to cook, with "love to cook" as key, says Moulton, interviewed as she ate a lunch of shrimp cocktail, Caesar salad and red wine.

"It's going to help some people to get dinner on the table. But this is not a quick-and-easy (book). Somehow people want to pigeonhole me that way, and that's not me."

In fact, Moulton has been "on the warpath," as she puts it, about how people should start cooking and dining more. "We've all been programmed (to think) that 'We have no time, we can't cook dinner.'"

In reality, she says, "Cooking is fun. Cooking is therapeutic. What's the rush here? Enough with this 15-minutes-or-less business."

It's one thing if you come home from a high-powered job at 7 o'clock and you don't feel like making a fancy dinner, she allows.

"I understand that, too," she says. "But we eat dinner together five nights a week at least. We set the table. Whenever I can make them remember, we light the candles. And we have cloth napkins, and we sit and talk about our day."

Moulton's housekeeper does some of the meal preparation, but Moulton says she's the one who really does the cooking. Her children help set and clear the table, and her daughter makes the salad.

Moulton's love of food dates to her childhood, when Granny Moulton, who went to cooking school herself, gave Sara her first cookbook, "Mud Pies and Other Recipes," a pretend cookbook that persuaded her "that real cooking must be fun."

"I really did start as a kid," she says. "I was surrounded by good food" — and family members who were good cooks. But Moulton didn't settle into cooking as a profession until she got a nudge from Mom.

As a young woman, Moulton recalls, she was floundering when it came to career goals, pursuing the possibilities of becoming a lawyer, a doctor, a biological medical illustrator, or a teacher in elementary school.

So, Moulton says, her mother intervened. She wrote to Craig Claiborne, author of "The New York Times Cook Book," and Julia Child,

asking "What should my daughter do? She wants to go into food."

Child didn't respond, but Claiborne wrote back and suggested cooking school. "And he was right," says Moulton.

Moulton's sunny personality (she says Child taught her the value of smiling a lot on TV) and her tiny stature (she has TV studio counter-tops customized for her 5-foot height) can make her seem more like the girl next door than a successful chef who's worked with the likes of Child, Wolfgang Puck, Jacques Pepin and Marcella Hazan.

However, she's humble enough to welcome suggestions from her TV viewers — and to use some in her book.

When she was developing a recipe for duck confit (preserved duck), she wasn't too proud to seek out the advice of Betty of Reynolds Wrap's Pat and Betty TV commercials, after a viewer called in to her "Cooking Live" show and said he'd successfully made the dish "in one of those oven-cooking bags advertised on TV all the time."

"I was thunderstruck! I'd never thought of it before, but it made perfect sense," she writes. It took several tests and that phone call to Betty, but she finally proved it could be a viable entree for home cooks.

This is Moulton's recipe:

DUCK CONFIT IN AN OVEN BAG

1½ tablespoons kosher salt
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme

¾ teaspoon ground allspice
1 bay leaf, preferably Turkish, crumbled

One 5-pound duck, cut into eight pieces, all fat and skin left on

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
Combine the salt, garlic, thyme, allspice and bay leaf in a small bowl.

Mix well and rub the mixture over all the meaty sides of the cut-up duck. Place in a plastic bag with a resealable closure, and marinate in the refrigerator for 12 to 24 hours.

Preheat the oven to 300 F. Spray the inside of an oven-cooking bag with nonstick vegetable spray. Add the flour to absorb the juices from the duck as it cooks. Rub the marinade off the duck with paper towels and place the pieces in a flat layer inside the bag. Follow the bag manufacturer's instructions for providing proper ventilation during cooking. Place the bag in a large baking dish and cook until tender when pierced with the tip of a knife, about 1½ hours. Set aside until cool enough to handle.

Before serving, heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Place the duck skin-side down in the skillet and cook until the skin is crispy and the meat is heated through, 3 to 4 minutes. Serve at once.

Makes 4 servings.
Here is Moulton's adaptation of her mother's recipe for meatball stroganoff. Moulton says you can get a more elegant dish by substituting such flavorful mushrooms as shiitakes or chanterelles for the cultivated ones.

MOM'S MEATBALL STROGANOFF

1 pound ground chuck
1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

½ cup fresh bread crumbs
2 large egg yolks
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

½ cup cultivated white mushrooms, thinly sliced
½ cup dry sherry
2 cups chicken stock, preferably

homemade
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
½ cup sour cream

Additional kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Combine the chuck, half the chopped onion, the garlic, salt, pepper, bread crumbs, egg yolks and ½ cup of water in a large bowl. Mix well and form meatballs that measure about 1 inch in diameter.

Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the meatballs and cook, shaking and turning, until well browned, about 5 minutes. Don't crowd the pan; work in batches if necessary. Transfer to paper towels to drain.

Pour off any excess fat from the skillet, leaving 3 tablespoons in the pan and add the remaining onion. Cook, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring, until the liquid they give off has evaporated.

7 to 10 minutes. Pour in the sherry, increase the heat to high, and boil until almost all the liquid they give off has evaporated. Pour in the stock and bring to a boil.

Rub the butter with the flour in a small bowl until it forms a smooth paste. Pinch off pea-size pieces and add little by little to the boiling sauce, whisking constantly for 3 minutes. Add the meatballs, stir in the dill and sour cream, season with salt and pepper, and cook over low heat until the meatballs are just heated through. Serve hot.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.
Moulton says the carrot peelings in this recipe for carrot "fettuccine" with spicy shrimp "not only look like fettuccine but take to quick cooking like fettuccine, especially if you leave them all dente." She uses peelings from a carrot's inner meat instead of

the tough outer skin.

CARROT "FETTUCCINE" SPICY SHRIMP

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
½ pound medium shrimp, peeled with tail intact, rinsed and patted dry

2 large shallots, minced
1 garlic clove, minced
1-inch piece fresh ginger, and finely chopped
¼ teaspoon hot red flakes

10 large carrots, peeled, cut into ribbons with a vegetable peeler, discarded

¾ cup dry white wine
2 cups heavy cream
1 cup chicken stock, preferably homemade

1 cup thawed frozen blanched fresh peas
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Heat the oil and butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the shrimp, hot but not smoking. Add the shallots, garlic, ginger, pepper flakes, and cook until the shrimp are just turn pink, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a bowl. Add the carrots to the skillet and cook over medium heat, stirring, until barely tender, minutes. Transfer to the shrimp.

Add the wine to the skillet and boil until it is reduced by half the cream and stock, bring to a boil, and boil until the liquid is reduced by half. Add the carrots and peas to the pan, simmer until they are just through, about 2 minutes, to taste and serve hot.

Makes 4 servings.
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